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LIBER 35 (*Continued*).

Page 151.—In the name of God, Amen. I, TUNIS COVERT, of Jamaica, Queens County, yeoman, being in perfect health. All my just debts and funeral charges to be duly paid. I leave unto my grandson, Tunis, the son of my son Luke, deceased, £5. Fifty pounds to my grandchildren, Tunis, John, Margaret, and Abigail, children of my said son, Luke, to be equally divided. Fifty pounds to my daughter Lena, wife of Garret Golder. A like sum to my daughter Phebe, wife of Garret Van Wicklien. Unto my son Walter, all that plantation whereon he now lives, situated at Forsters meadow in the Township of Hempstead; together with all the houses, barns, buildings, fences, timbers, woods, and privileges, he to pay my executors £20 towards paying the legacies. Unto my son Tunis, all my cleared land in Township of Jamaica, with the buildings; Also, half of my lot of wood land, and one half of my meadow ground at Springfield South. Unto my son Derrick, all my lands whereon I now live, with all the buildings; excepting and reserving the privilege of half the barn to my son Tunis for him to store and "Trash" his grain, and the like. Likewise unto my son Derrick, one half of my woodland, also, one half of my meadow ground at Springfield South. Allowing to my negro man Tom, the kitchen room, where

he now lives, for his dwelling room, and the privilege of one acre of land for him to plant and till for himself, he living with my son Derrick. Unto my daughter Lena, a large pewter dish, which was her mother's. Unto my son Walter, a large pewter dish with holes in it. Unto my daughter Phebe, a brown round-table. Unto my sons, Tunis and Derrick, two plows, two harrows, two sleds, and a waggon to use between them to till the land. All other moveables, not heretofore given away, to be sold at public vendue; the proceeds divided into six parts as follows: to the children of my son Luke, deceased; to my daughter Lena, my sons, Walter and Tunis and Derrick, and my daughter Phebe, each one equal part. I make my well-beloved sons, Walter, Tunis, and Derrick Covert, executors.

(Signed)

TUENEUS COEVERT.

Dated March 19, 1778. Witnesses, Nathaniel Box, school-master; Isaac Hendrickson, yeoman; Abraham Hendrickson. Proved, June 17, 1782.

Page 153.—In the name of God, Amen. September the twenty-fifth, 1782. I, AMOS RAYNOR, of Hempstead South, Queens County, being weak in body. My just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my two sons, Isaac and Elijah, all my real estate; likewise, all my rights and interest in the lands of my deceased father, which was given to me by will to be equally divided between them. Unto my loving wife Mary, one feather bed and furniture, two cows and calves; and order that she shall have the use of all my estate, until my children shall come of age; Also, the use of £200 while my widow. Unto my three daughters, Susannah, Sarah and Annah, remainder of all my moveable estate. I make my friends John Smith, of Coes Neck, and Benjamin Smith, son of Benjamin, executors.

(Signed)

AMOS RAINER.

Witnesses, Nathaniel Merritt, Benjamin Rainer, yeomen; James Powell. Proved, November 30, 1782.

Page 154.—Know all men by these presents that I, HENRY ROSE, mariner, and pilot of H. M. Ships of war in America; late of Antigua, have made Mr. James Place, of New York, my lawful attorney to receive all such sums due me; for wages from the sloop of war *Germaine* or any other ships I may belong to. And upon non-payment thereof, to sue, for the same. Also to perform and execute all other lawful and reasonable acts for obtaining and releasing the same. My will is, that whatsoever at the time of my decease I shall be possessed, particularly my house and lands in Antigua, I leave unto the said Mr. James Place; together with all the premises, negroes, and cattle; willing with this proviso, that my negro wench Mariana receive her freedom and £30 at my decease; reposing special trust in Mr. James Place, my friend, to pay all my lawful debts due; he to possess all my estate immediately at my decease. I make him and Mr. John Daniel Banes, executors; desiring Banes to receive £10 for his care in the premises.

Dated December 11, 1782. Witnesses, Stephen Reeves, John Thursby, steward of H. M. Naval Hospital on Nassau Island; Hugh Tarbett. Proved, December 23, 1782.

Page 156.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES DOYLE, belonging to H. M. S. the *Warwick*, Captain Elphinston, commander; being of sound mind and memory. After all my just debts be paid, I leave to my friend John Finegan, belonging unto H. M. S. the *Garland*, all my wages, prize money, and personal estate; I make him my executor.

Dated September 17, 1782, and in the twenty-second year of His Majesty's reign. Witnesses, William Pye, John Thursby, steward of H. M. Naval Hospital; Edward Fearn. Proved, December 23, 1782.

Page 157.—In the name of God, Amen. I, RICHARD BROWNINGHAM, drummer, belonging to H. M. S. the

Lion, being of sound mind and memory. After all my just debts be paid, I leave to my friend John Thursby, all my wages, prize money and personal estate; as also, whatever money may be due to me on any account whatsoever. I make my friend John Thursby, now living on Long Island in North America, executor.

Dated December 14, 1782. Witnesses, John Lewis, of Brooklyn, peruke-maker; Joseph Blumley, Thomas Coleman. Proved, December 30, 1782.

Page 158.—In the name of God, Amen. Ye 9th day of July, 1749. I, ABRAHAM WEEKS, of Oyster Bay in ye Province of New York, weaver, being indispos'd in body; but of sound and perfect mind and memory as in my life past. All my just debts and funeral expenses be paid. All my lands and meadows and all my live stock of creatures, and all my farming utensils to be sold by way of vendue by my executors to the highest bidders. The first £20 of proceeds to be paid to my two daughters, Freelove and Deborah; to whom I also give all my household goods and furniture, to be equally divided. My youngest son, Peter, to be well cloathed by my executors, and to be bound an apprentice to learn a trade. All the remainder of my estate to be equally divided amongst my five sons, namely: Daniel, Richard, Isaac, Solomon and Peter. I make my trusty and loving cousin, George Weeks, and brother-in-law, Richard Powel, executors.

Witnesses, Henry Wheeler, yeoman; Harvey Colwell, Thomas Macoune, William Moyles. Proved, October 22, 1782.

Page 159.—In the name of God, Amen. This seventeenth day of November, 1780, I, LEMUEL SMITH, of the Town of Smith Town, County of Suffolk, yeoman, being in health. All my just and lawful debts and funeral charges to be paid out of my moveable estate. I leave to my well-beloved brother, Merit Smith, the house and buildings where he now lives; together with



100 acres of land on the east and south-east part of my land adjoining the house aforesaid. Also, one piece of meadow or thatch bead in Stonebrook Harbour, bounded on the east by the meadow of Nathaniel Smith, on the west by meadows of Isaac Daniel; also, one island of thatch bead, lying on the south side of the great thatch beds in said harbor. Unto my beloved sister, Mary Smith, £100. Unto my beloved sister Elesebeth, a like sum. Unto my beloved mother Martha, the use and improvement of all my house and buildings, and all privileges in my lands that be needful for comfortable support during her natural life. Unto my well-beloved brother David, all the remainder of my estate, not heretofore disposed of. Should my mother die before the marriage of my two sisters, Mary and Elisebeth, then each is to have the privilege of living in my house so long as they remain single. I make my beloved mother, Martha Smith, and my beloved brothers, Merit and David Smith, and my good friend, Isaac Daniel, executors.

Witnesses, Nathan Woodhull, Samuel Satterly, yeoman. Proved, November 7, 1782.

Page 161.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSEPH PLACE, of the Township of Hempstead, Queens County, being weak in body. My funeral charges to be paid; Also, my just debts. I leave to my well-beloved wife Mary, her full dowry. Unto my son Joseph, ten shillings for his birth-right. The remainder of my estate to be sold at vendue; the proceeds to be divided equally between my surviving family. Firstly my dear wife Mary to have her equal part of the division; likewise my children, namely: Sarah, Joseph, Mary, John, and Jean. Should any of my children die before they arrive to lawful age, then their parts are to be divided equally between the surviving of my children. I make my well-beloved wife Mary and my two good neighbours, Stephen Powel and Isaac Frost, executors.

Dated September 14, 1782. Witnesses, Hannah Din-

gee, spinster; Thomas Cory, yeoman; Robert Dingee, or Dingey. Proved, November 20, 1782.

Page 162.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS FANNING, of Suffolk County, being weak and in a low state of health. I leave to my son David “all my hull and real personal estate”; he paying out what I hereafter order. First, maintaining my wife Lydia with all things necessary for her decent support during her natural life; together with paying my funeral charges and hers. Unto my daughter, Mary Hosmer, twenty shillings. Unto my grandson, William Smith, £200 when he is twenty-one; in case of his death in non-age, then this sum to go to my son David. Unto my daughter Solomy (Salome), £200 when she is twenty-one; in case of her death in non-age, then this sum likewise to go to my son David. I make my son, David Fanning, Hugh Smith and Isaac Overturn, executors.

Dated November 28, 1782. Witnesses, Mary Badcock, James Fanning, yeoman; Hannah Fanning. Proved, January 3, 1783.

Page 163.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SOLOMON SEAMAN, of Jerusalem in the Township of Hempstead, Queens County, being now well in health. I leave to my son Israel, all my lands and meadows in the Township of Hempstead (excepting only what I purchased from Richard Seaman), and one equal half of all my undivided rights which I have in the aforesaid Township; reserving only sufficient room in my now dwelling for the use and benefit of all my unmarried children so long as any of them remain unmarried. All which lands and meadows are given upon condition that he shall pay to my son David, £100. Unto my son Thomas, all the lands which I purchased from Richard Seaman, and the other equal half of my undivided rights in Hempstead, and all my moveable estate without doors, and the equal half of all my male negroes, upon condition that he pay to my son David

£50. Unto my son David, £50; unto my daughter Martha, £300; unto my daughter Amey, £300; unto my two grandsons, Solomon and James, sons of my daughter Deborah, £25 each. The remainder of my estate, after paying all my just debts and funeral charges, to be equally divided amongst my four daughters, namely, Martha, Amy, Deborah, and Mary. I make my two sons, Israel and Thomas Seaman, and my son-in-law Samuel Jackson, executors.

Dated February 16, 1780. Witnesses, Joseph Bird-sall, John Archibald, of Hempstead, shop-keeper; Samuel Clowes.

Codicil. Same date. I do further give unto my children which are now unmarried, full liberty to cut as much firewood as should be necessary for fireing in the room heretofore given them; also, to them, full liberty to take as many apples out of my orchard as may be necessary for the family's use during the time any of them are unmarried and no longer. My sons, Israel and Thomas, to retain in their own hands, all the money which I have heretofore given unto my son David, and to pay the same when and at such times as they shall think necessary, and not otherways. Same witnesses.

Proved, December 7, 1782.

Page 165.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JEREMIAH HALSEY, of the Township of Southampton in the County of Suffolk, being very weak and low in body, do make this will, this seventh day of September, 1782. I give to my son Jeremiah all my lands and buildings down Meacocks; Also, my orchard lot lying by Stephen Sandfords, and all my wood land in the same lot; Also, my piece wood land lying by Mathew Halsy, and half fifty commonage extending to the Cano place. Unto my son Simeon, my building and 50 acres of land joining to said buildings; and all my wood land in the Twentieth Lot; and half fifty of commonage. Unto my two sons, Luther and Amos, the remainder of my



lot joining to my son Simeon. Unto my sons, Jeremiah and Simeon, my meadow at North Sea in equal shares. Unto my wife the improvement of one third of my real estate while my widow; Also, all that she brought with her when I married her. All my just debts to be paid out of my moveable estate; the remainder to my daughters, namely: Elizabeth, Jerusha, and Unice. I make my wife, Maltby Gelston, and David Haines, executors.

Witnesses, Thomas Sandford, Esq., Matthew Halsey, yeoman; Sarah Halsey. Proved, December 31, 1782.

Page 166.—In the name of God, Amen. The fourth day of October, 1770, I, EDWARD CORNELL, of Hempstead, Queens County, being sick and weak in body. I leave to my son William, the house and land lying the east side of the brook where he now lives. Unto my sons, Benjamin and William, all my lands lying the west side of the brook, in equal shares; Benjamin to have the west, and William the east side, to be divided by a north and south line. Likewise, unto William, all my salt meadow lying in Hungry Harbour. Likewise, unto my said sons, all my land lying on the plains, and all my Patent right, in equal shares. My son Benjamin to pay to my son John, £100; William to pay £100 to my son Daniel's children, namely: John, Caleb, Milson, and Mary, in equal shares. Unto my daughter, Hannah Abrahams, £25 out of my estate; unto my daughter, Elizabeth Lamberson, the use of £25. Should she have any lawful heir, then it shall fall to them; should she die without such, then it shall go to her son, James Cornell. Unto my daughter, Elizabeth Lamberson, my great cupboard; unto my daughter Judah, the use of £25 as long as she lives. At her death to fall to her two sisters, the said Hannah and Elizabeth. Unto my said daughter Judah, one great pewter platter, that was her grandmother's. Unto my grandson, Melson Cornell, one great pewter platter;

unto my grandson, James Cornell, £10. Unto my girl, Martha Dick, five earthen plates, one linen wheel, and £20. If she stays with me as long as I live, and does not marry, after my death she shall have milk of two cows and pasture and hay found them; and also all the "turkeys." Likewise unto her, one bed and bedstead and furniture. Unto my granddaughter, Elizabeth Cornell, daughter of William Cornell, £10, and one linen wheel. Unto my grandson, Lankil Cornell, £10, and my riding beast, saddle and bridle. Unto my four grandchildren, Edward Cornell, son of John Cornell, Marget Watts, Edward Abrams and Marget Abrams, all the remainder of my Buter in equal shares. Unto my two grandsons, Edward Cornell and Edward Abrams, one calf apiece. Unto my son William, one wagon, plow and harrow, and all my farming utensils, one pair of oxen, the remainder of my horses and five sheep. Unto my grandson, James Cornell, five sheep; the remainder of my cattle and things to be sold to pay off my just debts. I make my sons, Benjamin and William Cornell, executors.

Witnesses, Samuel Hicks, of Hempstead, yeoman; Frederick Nosran, or Nostran, Benajah Wiggins. Proved, November 20, 1782.

Page 168.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSEPH OUTENBOGART, of the City of New York, butcher, being at present weak in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. I leave to my loving son Joseph, my family Bible; unto my loving son John, my silver watch and appurtenances thereunto belonging. Unto my loving daughters, Catharine and Margaret, £500 in equal shares. Unto my said son Joseph, the dwelling house and lot of ground wherein I now live in Queen Street in Montgomerie Ward; together with the gate way leading from said lot to Hage Street, with one half the stable as it now stands; after he arrives to the age of twenty-one, or marry. Unto my said son John, the corner lot of ground with the dwelling house



thereon, being a corner lot in Queen Street and Hage Street, and wherein Martin Morris now lives; with the one-half of the stable as it now stands; when he is twenty-one, or marry. Unto my loving daughters, Elizabeth, Phebe Skinner, Martha and Esther, the house and lot of ground, situate in the Out Ward of said City, which I formerly drew in a Lottery, then called and known by the name of Gallaudet's Lottery, and wherein Robert Grayham now lives; together with two dwelling houses situate in Hage Street, wherein James Dove, and my mother and sister now live; in equal shares when each of them arrives to the age of twenty-one years, or marry. Unto my loving wife Elizabeth, one of my beds, bedding and clothing thereunto belonging. The remainder of my beds, bedding and clothing to my said daughters, Elizabeth, Phebe Skinner, Martha and Esther, in equal shares. The remainder of my moveables to be sold, the proceeds together with all other of my personal estate, not heretofore given away, to be divided equally among my eight children, namely: Joseph, John, Elizabeth, Phebe Skinner, Martha and Esther, Catharine and Margaret. All the rents and income of my above mentioned real estate to be applied toward the maintenance, educating and bringing up of my said two sons until they come of age, or marriage; for the like benefit of my said four daughters under like conditions; and for the maintenance of my wife Elizabeth while my widow. Should that not be sufficient for her support and my youngest child Esther, then the remainder to be applied out of my real and personal estate. My executors not to be answerable to the one for the other as for the act, deed, or default of the other; nor shall either of them be answerable for any part of my estate but such as shall come to their respective hands; they shall, out of my estate, retain and satisfy themselves for costs, charges and trouble they shall be put to in the execution of this will. I make my brother, Abraham Outenbogart and John Woods, Esq., both of

New York, and James Fitzrandolph, of New Jersey, executors.

(Signed) JOSEPH OUTEN BOGART.

Dated October 16, 1782. Witnesses, Robert Heaton, Henry Riker, of City of N. Y., joiner; George Dietrich. Proved, January 13, 1783.

Page 170.—In the name of God, Amen. I, FREDERICK HUDSON, of Brook Haven, Suffolk County, being weak in body. All my debts to be paid. I leave to my beloved wife Sarah, all my household furniture; my sorrel horse and riding chair; my negro wench Kate, and negro boy Dick; £400 during life; and the use of all real estate while my widow. Unto my beloved son Oliver, all real estate at the marriage or decease of my wife; Also £500. Unto my beloved son, Frederick North Hudson, £1,000. Unto my two beloved daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth, £300 each. All personal estate to be disposed of by my executors at their discretion; any of my estate undisposed of to be equally divided between my wife and four children. I make Colonels Richard Floyd and Benjamin Floyd, and Mr. Henry Nicoll, all of this town, together with my wife, Sarah Hudson, executors.

Dated November 12, 1782. Witnesses, Cyrus Punderson, of Brook Haven, physician; Absalom Brown, of Mastick, yeoman; Benjamin Mapes, yeoman. Proved, December 12, 1782.

Page 171.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ROBERT SWABRICK, formerly carpenter's mate on board H. M. S. *Robusk*, and late carpenter's mate on board H. M. Sloop-of-war *Hope*, being in bodily health. All such sums of money as are now due to me for wages or prize-money on the books of the said ships, lands, and estate belonging to me at the time of my decease, I leave to Patrick Hapeney, late cook on board the sloop *Hope*. I make the said Patrick Hapeney, executor.

Dated January 23, 1782. Witnesses, Allan McKin-

lay, Donald Campbell. Proved January 20, 1783. Signature of Allan McKinlay identified by Hemye (or Henry) Gower, of the City of New York, harness-maker. The executor also appeared; deposed that the will was genuine; that he would pay the testator's just debts and legacies; and qualified.

Page 172.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BENJAMIN KISSAM, late of the City of New York, now residing on Cow Neck, Queens County, Attorney at Law, being in health. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. Whereas I have already given to my son Peter, since his marriage, £600, and would wish to put my children as nearly on an equality as possible with respect to the advantages they are to derive from my estate; and as I have been at some extraordinary expense in educating my son Benjamin, to a profession which promises him advantages that my other children do not possess, he will not consider it as proceeding from any want of affection that on that score I deduct from his proportion the sum I advanced as a fee with him to Doctor Bard. I now therefore give to my son Benjamin, £540, to put him on an equality with his elder brother. As my three other younger sons, Richard, Adrian and Samuel are not yet far advanced in their education, and in acquiring it, must be at considerable expense I think it just to make some provision for that purpose. Unto Richard and Adrian, each, £120; unto Samuel, £150, for support, maintenance and education. Unto my daughter Helena, all her mother's wearing apparel; her diamond ring and gold necklace, now in possession of her aunt Sharpe; Also, my silver bowl and pair of silver mugs, a small brass tea-kettle and stand. Unto each of my sons, Richard, Adrian and Samuel, and to my daughter Helena, respectively, the further sum of £600. Unto Mrs. Sarah Hollawood, £50, as a testimony of my gratitude for the prudence, care, and good economy with which she has conducted the affairs of my family, and for her



great tenderness and affection manifested to my children. Unto Mary Whitehead and Deborah, children of my sister, Elizabeth Mott, each £5. All my lands, tenements and real estate, unto my six above named children. As upon the death of my late dear and affectionate wife, Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe, out of the goodness and benevolence of their hearts took my little daughter to live with them, and intend to support and educate her during her infancy; and will probably make some future provision for her, so I presume there will be no occasion to apply any part of the interest of her share of my estate towards her maintenance and education, the same is to be kept at interest for her benefit, payable when she is twenty-one years old, or marries. Should she die under age and unmarried, then all her mother's wearing apparel, ring and necklace to go to her aunt, Mrs. Anne Sharpe. Should either of my said three sons, Richard, Adrian and Samuel, die under age, and without lawful issue, the respective shares of the deceased to go to the survivors in equal shares. Whereas, my estate is considerably diminished since the commencement of the present war, and may be in future still more affected by it; if it should happen that my personal estate should become insufficient to pay the several pecuniary legacies given to my five younger children, they are to abate in proportion to the respective sums; except as to the legacies of £120 each to Richard and Adrian, and £150 to Samuel; all which are to be first paid entire; and so are the legacies to Mrs. Hallawood, and the children of my sister to be paid entire. I make my sons, Peter R. Kissam and Benjamin Kissam; my brother-in-law, Mr. Richard Sharp, of the City of New York, merchant; my uncle, Benjamin Hewlett, of Great Neck, Queens County; and my brother, Joseph Kissam, executors.

Dated January 25, 1781. Witnesses, Willett Taylor, Benjamin Haviland, Cornelius I. Bogart.

Codicil. Since making my will I have advanced to

my son Benjamin, considerable sums towards his expenses and education at the University of Edinburgh, which I previously informed him must be considered as part of his portion of my estate; I, Benjamin KISSAM, at present of the City of New York, Attorney at Law, do by this codicil, declare that in lieu of the legacy of £540, now give him £175.

Dated July 8, 1782. Witnesses, Cornelius I. Bogart, of City of N. Y., Attorney at law; Jacob Ogden, Willett Taylor. Proved, November 26, 1782.

Page 175.—In the name of God, Amen. The thirty-first day of August, 1776. I, ABRAHAM KING, of the Town of Southold in Suffolk County, being in good health. I leave to my wife Mehettable, all my estate, real and personal,—that is, the use and improvement of it—so long as she remains my widow, for her maintenance and to bring up my children. In case she shall remarry, then she shall have her wearing apparel and one bed and furniture; which I give to her in lieu of her dower. In case she is needy and calls for it, I give her £20 yearly, during her natural life. My executors, to sell any or all my lands and meadows. My wife may, out of my money, buy a convenient house and land for her dwelling. After my wife's interest, and my debts and funeral charges are paid, all my estate is to be equally divided between all my four children, excepting to my oldest son, £10 in a hundred, over and above the rest. I make my brother, Nathaniel King, and my brother-in-law, Daniel Tuthill, and my wife, executors.

Witnesses, Ebenezer Soper, Israel Youngs, yeoman; Jemima Youngs. Proved, November 28, 1782.

Page 177.—In the name of God, Amen. I, RACHEL BRAISTED, of the County of Richmond (spinster), being sick and weak. I leave to my son, John Braisted, "a silver clasps and sleeve buttons," and five dollars. Unto my daughter (Catherine) Catherine, a gold ring and a

silver spoon. Unto my son Egbert, a pair of silver shoes buckles. All my real and personal to be sold by my friend, Anthony Egberts, whom I appoint executor. All my children, John, Catherine, and Egbert to share equally, after my just debts and funeral charges be paid. Should any child die under age and leave no issue, then the share of the one so dying is to be equally divided amongst the survivors, when they shall come of age.

(Signed)

RACHEL BRESTED.

Dated October 31, 1778. Witnesses, John Bodine, William Smith, farmers; Darcus Bodine. Proved, January 7, 1783.

Page 178.—I, LEAH BREVOORT (widow to Elias Brevoort, of the City of New York, deceased), being weak in body, this thirteenth day of May, 1778. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. All my money I give as follows: one fourth part to my son John; one fourth part unto Leah Stout, the daughter to Benjamin Stout, Jr., one fourth part to Leah Brevoort, the eldest daughter to Henry Brevoort, deceased, payable into the hands of my son, John Brevoort, who shall dispose of the same for the good, and towards her tuition as it may seem necessary; the remaining one fourth part unto the oldest daughter, to Leah Henry; the money to be managed for the good of the child and paid in the same form as my grandchild, Leah Stout. All my outstanding debts, bonds, notes, rents, due, are to be collected in as soon as possible after my decease; such assets to be divided into four equal parts; to be disposed of to my son and grandchildren in the very same manner aforesaid. I make my son, John Brevoort, John Henry and Henry Riker, executors.

Witnesses, Abraham Warner, Thomas T. Warner, of the Out Ward of the City of New York, yeoman; Jacob Tyler, of City of New York, schoolmaster. Proved, January 27, 1783.

Page 179.—In the name of God, Amen. The 30 day of December, 1782, I, BALM JOHNSON COZINE, of the Out Ward of the City of New York, farmer, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid within some convenient time after my decease by my executors. I leave to my loving wife, Cornelia, the profits of my estate, real and personal, during her widowhood. After the intermarriage or decease of my wife, unto my loving son John, all my right and title of that certain tract of land whereon my barn stands on the opposite side of my dwelling house and land lying in the Out Ward of the City of New York, Bloomingdale Road; the land fronting said road; and the rear, the North River. Unto my loving son, Cornelius, all my right and title in that tract of land whereon my dwelling house now stands; the land fronting the Road; the rear, the Commons. Unto my eight loving children, namely: John, Cornelius, Sarah, Hannah, Deborah, Catharine, Rachel and Jane, the remainder of my estate, real and personal, in equal shares. My children to be supported out of the profits of my estate until my youngest child shall come of age. My sons, John and Cornelius, each must pay £300 for the land above given to them; which money shall be divided amongst my six other children. The £300 apiece, which my sons are to pay, to be paid in twelve months' time if they choose to hold the lands; the division of said money to be made at the age of the youngest child. I make my beloved wife and my loving sons, John and Cornelius, and likewise my friend, John Hopper, of Bloomingdale, executors.

Witnesses, Louis Andrew Gauteer, inn-holder; William How, yeoman; both of the City of New York; Mathewis Van Orden. Proved, January 20, 1783.

Page 181.—14th September, 1780. I have two brothers: Alexander, in the County and Town of Antrim in Ireland; James, in Philadelphia in America. To the

above two brothers' children, equally, I bequeath the whole of my estate.

(Signed) JOHN RONEY,
Lieutenant, 1st Battalion De Loncys (De Lanceys).

Proved, November 1, 1782.

NOTE.—Nathan Smith, of De Lancey's First Battalion, identified the signature of the testator; and deposed that, a short while before his death, he heard him acknowledge the instrument to be his will.

Page 182.—In the name of God, Amen, 12th day of December, 1782. I, JOSEPH CADLE, of Hempstead, Queens County, being but weak in body. All just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors. I leave to my wife Mary, my fast estate (that part of Hog Island which I own excepted), two cows, one horse and chair, and my indoor moveables. Unto Joseph Cornwall (son of Thomas Cornwall), said part of Hog Island; likewise direct my wife to give to said Joseph some of my cloth. The rest of my estate to be sold and turned into cash by my executors; £20 to go to Mary Mott, daughter of Samuel Mott, I make my friends, Charles Hicks, Thomas Cornwall and Samuel Pelletreau, executors.

Witnesses, Oliver Hewlett, and William Pearsall and Carman Dorlon, both of Hempstead, yeomen. Proved, January 6, 1783.

Page 184.—These Presents witnesseth, the seventeenth day of the eighth month, 1781, that I, MICAJAH MOTT, of Hempstead, Queens County, do make this will. My executors to pay all my just debts. I leave to my wife Rachel and my three daughters, Sarah Beats, Rebecca Mott and Rachel Mott, all my moneys, bonds, book-debts and household goods, except one small bed and two blankets and the one fourth part of all my cattle, equally. Unto my son Micajah, one pair oxen and one horse. Unto my three sons, Micajah, Israel and John, the remainder of my es-

tate, real and personal, in equal shares. The use of all my houses, lands and meadows to my wife and son Micajah until my son John is sixteen years old, if they will bring up my children till that time. After John is sixteen, my wife to have the use of one room in my house, the privilege of hay and pasture for two cows, and to keep one horse and one hog; Also, wood for one fire and liberty to get apples and other fruit out of my orchard for her use; the use of one acre of ground while my widow. Likewise to her, all the bread corn and meat which I have at my death, for the use of my family. What is given to my wife is in lieu of her dower; which if she should refuse to release, what I have given her is to pass unto my three sons equally. My executors to sell such of my moveables as and when they may think best. I make my wife, my brother, Jehu Mott and my son-in-law, Stephen Beats, executors.

Witnesses, Jehu Mott the 3rd and James Losee (both of Hempstead, yeomen), and Sarah De Mott. Proved, January 24, 1783.

Page 186.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS BARNES, of the City of New York, mariner, being in good health. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my dearly beloved wife Phebe, my dwelling house and lot of ground (consisting of about 20 acres), situated in the County and Town of Westchester. Also, my three undivided Rights of Commonage in said town; Also, 10 acres of wood-land on Frogs Neck in said county, which land I purchased of John Baxter. Likewise unto her, my negro man slave Dublin and my negro girl slave called Sarah. Further unto her, while my widow, the easternmost half of my dwelling house and lot of ground situate in Montgomery Ward in the City of New York fronting on Cherry Street; being in length about 240 ft. and in breadth upon the North side of said street, about 100 ft. All rents and profits of said half to her



devised to be in lieu of her dower. The other or westernmost equal half of said property unto my daughter Phila. Upon the death or remarriage of my wife the easternmost half to go to my said daughter. Unto my daughter, Elizabeth Fry, the widow of David Fry, deceased, my lot of ground situate in said Ward, in a place known by the name of the Meadows, which lot I bought of the Rosevelts, to hold during her natural life; at her death to pass to my grandson, Thomas Barnes Fry. Should he not be living, then in equal thirds to go to each of my daughters, namely: Phila, Phebe, the wife of Norman Tolmie, and Mary. Unto my said daughter Phebe, the westernmost half of a lot of ground and water-lot situate in Montgomery Ward opposite to my dwelling there; said upland fronting on Cherry Street and, including the water-lot is 350 ft. into the East River and 100 ft. wide in front, but the breadth is diminished in the rear. Unto my said daughter Mary, the remaining easternmost half of said lot and water-lot; together with the buildings and improvements thereon. All my lands and meadows lying on Frog's Neck, except the ten acres of woodland heretofore devised, to be sold by my executors; the proceeds to go to my wife and to my three said daughters in equal shares. The rest of my estate likewise to go to them equally, but such parts of my household furniture and other moveable estate which my wife and daughters cannot agree to divide and share are to be sold and the proceeds equally divided between them. I make my wife and my son-in-law, Norman Tolmie and my daughter Mary, executors.

Dated July 30, 1761. Witnesses, Benjamin Blagge, of the City of New York, gentleman; Peter Dobson, Benjamin Kissam, of the City of New York, gentleman. Proved, February 4, 1763.

Page 189.—I, ELIZABETH VAN DER HOOF, of the Out Ward of the City of New York, widow, on the sixth day of August, 1782, make this will. Whereas I and Henry

Brevoort, deceased, were appointed executors of the will of Cornelius Van der Hoof, my lawful husband, deceased, made the ninth day of August, 1773; and now as the sole trust in me lies to act for my children in non-age; and for preventing waste and wrong to be done; and I being weak in body; order that whatever power I had in said will, Messrs. Henry Brevoort, Matthew Buyce, and Louis Andrew Gautier (all of the Out Ward of the City of New York), to act in my stead as executors after my decease, and proceed as my will directs. This present writing to be annexed to the will and testament of my husband.

Witnesses, John Ryckman, of the City of New York, brick-maker, and Elizabeth, his wife; James Lounsberry. Proved, November 18, 1782.

Page 190.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ZOPHER DAVIS, of Brookhaven, County of Suffolk, being sick. I leave to Sarah, my dearly beloved wife, two cows, one yoke of oxen, the best horse on the farm, and the best room in my house. Unto my son Zopher, all my lands and tenements, he to pay, when twenty-one years old, to my daughters, Phebe, Hannah, Sarah, and Elibeth (Elizabeth), £30 each. A certain piece of land at Chesnot pound, that I had of my brother William, to be sold. A one-half lot of land between Coram and the Money Ponds; Also my meadow and land at Smith Neck at wintup Patton to be sold to pay my debts. Further, unto Sarah, my wife, all my moveable estate, to sell or to do as she pleases with. A piece of land between Coram and South, that I had of William Baker, to be sold. I make my wife Sarah, David Overton, Jr., and John Ruland, son of Peter Ruland, deceased, executors.

Dated March 16, 1782. Witnesses, Joseph Jerry, Justus Overton and Nathaniel Overton, both of said County, yeomen. Proved, December 27, 1782.

Page 192.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BARNABAS TUTHILL, of the Town of Southold, County of Suffolk,

being weak in body. My executors to dispose of all my real and personal estate at public or private sale; the proceeds to be divided as follows: all my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors; of the remainder I leave to my well beloved wife, Ame, £16; unto my son Barnabas, £20, payable when he is twenty-one; the use of all the remaining part of my estate to my wife during her natural life; she maintaining my son Joshua and my daughter Hannah until my executors shall think they are fit to be put out; the principal remaining to be equally divided between my sons and daughters, namely: Lydia, Bethiah, Elizabeth, Barnabas, Samuel, Benjamin, Lucretia, Gamaliel, Joshua, and Hannah; which sums are to be paid to them, when they come to the age of twenty-one. I make my brother-in-law, Asa King, and my two friends, Christopher Brown and Nathan Woodhull, executors.

Dated October 1, 1782. Witnesses, Jonathan Trumn, cordwainer; John King, Jr., Christopher Brown, yeoman. Proved, January 16, 1783.

Page 194.—I, ELIZEBETH PEASLEY, of the City of New York, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executors. Unto Samuel Reid, son of my neice Sarah, wife to William Reid, of Bristol in old England, I leave £50. Unto William Reid, son of my said neice, a like sum. Unto their sister, Elizebeth Peasley Reid, £100. Should either of my above relatives be deceased the legacy of such to go to next of kin. Unto Phebe Deleplaine, daughter to cousin, Joseph Delaplaine, £200; to her sister Elizebeth, wife of Isaac Martin, a like sum. Unto my esteemed friend, Penelope Hull, my gold sleeve buttons and my new short broadcloth cloak; to her daughter Penelope, my striped Persian gown and quilted Persian Peticoat, half a dozen silver teaspoons and my silver shoe buckles. Unto Elizebeth Titus, daughter to Henry Titus, my black Padesoy



cloak; unto her sister Martha, £10. The remainder after all debts and legacies are paid, together with all my wearing apparel, not given away above, to go to my aforesaid cousin, Phebe Delaplaine, and her sister, Elizebeth Martin, in equal shares. I make my esteemed friends, Oliver Hull and Samuel Franklin, both of the City of New York, executors. Also, to Catharine Hull, my new bed tick.

Dated February 7, 1783. Witnesses, Oliver Hull, apothecary; Peter Demitt, Thomas Leggett, of the City of New York, merchant. Proved, February 24, 1783.

Page 195.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BENJAMIN WALDRON, of Harlem, in New York, cordwainer, being of sound, perfect mind and memory. All my real and personal estate to be sold at public vendue, the proceeds to be divided as follows: All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid; unto each of my sons, Jacobus, Benjamin, and my daughter Affee, £40, being their part as out-set which they have not received from me as my other children have had before. Likewise £20 to my granddaughter Catalina, daughter of my daughter Catalina, deceased, the wife of Samuel De la Matra, at full age or in marriage. The overplus of proceeds of the sale to be divided into seven parts and paid to my children and the children of my said daughter Catalina, deceased, namely: my sons, John, Jacobus and Benjamin, and my daughters, Elizabeth, Nesje, and Affee, each one seventh part, and the remaining one seventh to my grandchildren in equal shares. My son John and my daughter Elizabeth each shall pay £35, to be applied to the rest of my estate, being consideration money for a negro boy named Sam in the possession of my son John, and a negro wench named Susan in the possession of my daughter Elizabeth. Should they refuse to pay the sums beforementioned then the said negro boy or wench shall be sold at public vendue. I make my son,

Benjamin Waldron, and my son-in-law, Yellis Hopper, and Mr. Henry Brevoort, wheelwright in the Bowery Lane, executors.

Dated June 18, 1781. Witnesses, John Hardenbrook and Henry Traphager, inn-keeper, and Robert Cook, Assistant in the Forage Department, both of the City of New York. Proved, July 20, 1783.

Page 198.—In the name of God, Amen. The 4th day of March, 1774, I, ROBERT HEMPSTED, of Southold, Suffolk County, being weak in health of body. I give the whole of my personal estate, as well in this Government as in Connecticut, to my beloved wife Mehetable; Also, the house and land on which I now live; and the house and land which was father Youngs, adjoining to the Town street or highway; and that tract of land called the New Lott, nearly four score acres, adjoining the North Sea; Also, the tract of land called the Old Lott, nearly three score acres, adjoining to the said sea. The site on which I live contains between thirty and forty acres; the site of father Youngs house, four acres, as they are now fenced. My wife to pay my just debts and legacies. Also, unto her, a parcel of meadow at Gose Creek; and one at Hog Neck, she to sell the same as she thinks proper. Should any dispute arise respecting my title to any of the abovementioned lands (as deriving one third of said land from my former wife Mary, the daughter of Benjamin Younge, Esquire, deceased), and my son Thomas or his heirs refused to give a quit claim for the same, if required, then all that land and meadow which I purchased of Benjamin Youngs Prime, lying within the limits of that land called Savgest Neck, Piginsis Neck, Mill meadows, Swamp Lott and middle lands; Also, what I purchased of John Ledyard, being part of all those lands and meadows; all to go to my beloved wife Mehetable, to sell to pay my just debts, but not otherwise. All the lands and meadows where my son Thomas liveth, which did belong to his grand-

father Youngs, except some I exchanged with Mr. Boshea and Vail to him, he complying with this my will, not otherwise, that is he is to pay £150 within one year next after my decease, towards the payment of my debts and legacies. Also, to him, my silver-headed sword with the appurtenances, and my cane. Unto my son Joshua, all my rights of undivided lands at Colchester, in Connecticut Colony, and £50 to be paid him by Captain Jaber Jones, of Colchester, and his son Ahijah within three years from the date of this my will, with interest and a full discharge from my books; also, my great looking glass as credit for him on my books as I have there entered the same. Likewise, to my son Joshua, my apparel, except some things my wife may be a-mind to save, as gold buttons and shirts and my silver watch. Unto each of my daughters, Abigail, Elizabeth, Mary, and Experience, £5, to be paid by my son Thomas as part of the money I have ordered him to pay, within one year after my decease. I make my wife Mehetable sole executrix. In case of her death or renunciation, then I appoint my son Joshua. All the bonds, notes, deeds and All writings which I have relating to the estate of Major John Salmon, deceased, to be delivered by my executor into the hands of those men who are or shall be appointed by the First Societee in Southold to receive the same in order to improve it, for the benefit of the Gospel ministries in said Societee according to the true intent of said Major Salmon's will. Also, what money I have lately received I leave with my wife to bring up and give to my young child which I have by her. Further, unto my wife, the privilege of getting ten loads of wood yearly out of the Neck, which I give to my son Thomas, while she remains my widow, and the privilege of putting two cows yearly in the Swamp lot, under same conditions.

February 30, 1779.—Since writing my will I have written to my brother, John Hempstead, to deliver Ahijah Jones' bond to my son Joshua, and so that will

complete this gift. I revoke the \$5 apiece to each of my daughters.

Witnesses, Joseph Prince, silversmith, William Horton, Jr., Benjamin Prince, yeoman. Proved, August 5, 1782.

Page 200.—In the name of God, Amen. The sixth of October, 1781. I, ALBERT VAN BRUNT, of "New-uytrecht," Kings County, yeoman, being at present weak in body. My lawful debts to be paid and funeral charges defrayed before any division is made. My loving wife Jannetje to have £50 yearly, while my widow, towards her support and maintenance, payable quarterly and equally by my children, namely, Nicholas, Rutgert, and Cornelius, and my daughter Elizabeth, now the wife of Nicholas Van Dyck; my three sons to provide for their mother, six bushels of wheat every year. My wife to have the choice of one of the rooms in this my dwelling house during her widowhood; one horse and riding chair; negro wench named Boyl, two milch cows, hay and pasture; best bed, bedstead and its furniture, and such furniture as is needful to furnish one room, and as much kitchen furniture as she may want. After her death the same to be equally divided between all my children. My house and kitchen furniture, except that already given away, unto my children, to be divided equally. Unto my said three sons, all my real and personal estate in equal shares, except what is bequeathed above, with all my rights and interest; they to pay to their sister, my said daughter Elizabeth, £600; two years after my decease. I make my loving three sons, before named, executors.

Witnesses, Jaques Van Brunt, James Joralmon, Johannis E. Lott, yeoman. Proved, March 4, 1783.

Page 202.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARGARET VOLENTINE, of the Township of Hempstead, Queens County, being desirous of settling my temporal affairs while I have reason, do this twenty-sixth day of December, 1782, make this will. All my just debts and

funeral expenses to be paid by my executors; they to sell my eight acres of woodland as soon as convenient and advisable. I leave to my respected uncle, Daniel Wright, £30. The remainder of my estate unto my three cousins, namely: Susannah Smith, Anne Smith, and Abigail Volentine, equally divided amongst them when they are eighteen years of age. I make my uncle, James Smith, my trusty friends, Samuel Way and James Cornwall, all of said Township, executors.

(Signed)

MARGARET VALENTINE.

Witnesses, Samuel Townsend, and Oliver Willis and Joseph Smith, both of Hempstead, yeomen. Proved, March 1, 1783.

Page 203.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PETER VAN PELT, of the County of Richmond, being in a reasonable state of health. My executors to take as much of my estate as shall discharge all my just debts and funeral charges. My wearing apparel to be equally divided between my two sons, Tunas and Peter. Unto Tunas, my fowling piece; unto Peter, my brass Barrel Frozee. All my goods to be sold at vendue or otherwise at the discretion of my executors for reasonable prices; the proceeds, with all the residue of my estate, to be equally divided among my five children, namely: Tunas, Peter, Elizabeth, Phebe, and Mary; their respective shares to be paid as they are twenty-one, or marry. My estate to be subject to the support of my children in their minority, in case of sickness or other misfortune that may attend them. I make my said two sons, Tunas and Peter Van Pelt and my trusty friend, Richard Seaman, merchant, of the City of New York, executors.

Dated October 2, 1781. Witnesses, John Bedell, ferryman, Catherine Bedell, Isaac Doty. Proved, February 25, 1783.

Page 205.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ABRAHAM GARDINER, of Easthampton, County of Suffolk, Esquire, being indisposed in body. All my just debts to

be paid by my executors out of my moveable estate. I leave my beloved wife Mary, £500, to be paid out of my personal estate; Also, my dwelling house, barn and home lot containing about 30 acres; all my household goods and furniture; my clock in the house; and one quarter part of my wind mill, a like part of all the provisions in the house and barn or on the ground, four milking cows, my horse and chair, my negro Zel, my negro boy, Ruben; Also, the one half of my other house that my son Abraham now lives in; Also, the use and improvement of one third of all my real estate in Easthampton during her natural life. Unto my beloved son Nathaniel, my now dwelling house, barn and home lot after his mother's decease; Also my land containing about eighteen acres; Also, my squire close, containing about fifteen acres; Also, one whole share of Montauk. Unto my beloved son Abraham, the house and lot of land my father bought of Richard Shaw, containing five acres; Also, my whole lot of land called Samuel Gardiner lot, and what I bought of Elisha Conkling and David Miller; Also, six acres of land in the West Plains; Also, my lands and meadows behind the Ponds; Also one share and one eighth part of a share at Montauk. Unto my beloved daughter, Mary Thomson, £500; payable out of my moveable estate. Unto my beloved daughter, Rachel Mulford, £500, payable in like manner; Also my negro boy Reuben (Alcees Tobe), at the decease of her mother. Unto my friend and niece, Ruth Smith, £10; to my beloved friend, the Reverend Samuel Buell, M.A., £10, to be paid by my executors. After my just debts and legacies be paid then the remainder of my estate to be divided between my two sons, Nathaniel and Abraham. I make my beloved wife Mary, my sons, Nathaniel and Abraham, my son-in-law, Isaac Thomson, and my son-in-law, David Mulford, executors.

Dated August 18, 1782. Witnesses, John Gardiner, Ruth Smith, Samuel Hutchinson. Proved, December 30, 1782.

Page 206.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN TABLET, of Frog's Neck, in the Borough Town of Westchester, being of sound mind and memory. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid out of my moveable estate. I leave to my daughter Catherine, one feather bed and its furniture. Unto my daughter, Mary Magdalene, the like. Unto my daughter Doratha, the feather bed and furniture whereon I lye. Unto my eldest son Jacob, £10, and all my wearing apparel. The remainder of my estate, real and personal, unto my said three daughters in equal shares. My executors to sell all my real and personal estate in one month after my decease, at public vendue; the proceeds to go as above mentioned. I make my friends, John Hunt and John Mertain, executors.

Dated October 16, 1782. Witnesses, Thomas Baxter, yeoman, Frederick Baxter, Joseph Lewis. Proved, February 24, 1783.

Page 207.—Know all men by these Presents that I, THOMAS FROST, of the Township of Oyster-bay, Queens County, being this twenty-sixth day of July, 1774, well in health of body. All my just debts, funeral charges to be fully paid. Unto my loving wife Phebe, £50, the use and profits of my houses, and lands where I now live near Matinecock, in said township, in order to enable her to support and bring up my children until my youngest son is of lawful age. Should my wife be my widow after that event, then she is to have the use of one third part of my houses and lands while my widow, but no longer. All the legacies above given to my wife shall be in lieu of dower. Unto my wife, and unto my three daughters, namely: Rebecca, Hannah, and Sarah, all my within door household goods to be equally divided amongst them; my wife to have her share immediately after my decease; my daughters to have their respective shares at day of marriage, or as they are of age. If my daughters or any one of them shall live single, as they are of age, they shall have the

privilege to live and dwell in my house so long as they remain in a single state. Unto each of my aforementioned three daughters, £50; payable in the following manner. My oldest son, John, to pay to my wife £25 when he is twenty-two; he to pay to my oldest daughter, Rebecca, a like sum when he is twenty-three; a like sum to my daughter Hannah when he is twenty-four; a like sum to my youngest daughter, Sarah, when he is twenty-five years of age. My youngest son, George, to pay my wife and three daughters, like sums in like times prescribed for his brother John's payments. Unto my two sons, John and George, all my houses, lands and meadows in the Township of Oysterbay in equal shares on condition that they do pay all the moneys above ordered. If they neglect or refuse to pay all the legacies above mentioned then my executors are to sell enough land or meadow above given to my sons as will fully pay the legacies to my wife and daughters, after deducing costs; they are not to be hindered or disturbed in the enjoyment of living in my house. Unto my two said sons, all the remainder of my personal estate in equal shares. I make my loving friend, William Cock, of Buckrum, and Charles Valentine, of Moskelicove, executors.

Witnesses, Henry Willis, Edward Willis, yeoman, Samuel Willis. Proved, March 1, 1783.

Page 209.—Know all men by these Presents that I, GEORGE FOWLER, of Hempstead, Queens County, being this nineteenth day of June, 1771, well in health of body. I leave to my son Felix, my homestead, my house and land adjoining at Hempstead town; and all my lands and Rights of lands and meadows, lotted and unlotted, within said township; Also, my lot of salt meadow at Hempstead South. Likewise, all my land and Rights of land in the East Jersey, being in a place called New Britton, which my father, George Fowler, purchased of Benjamin Bedell, provided he pays all my just debts. Unto my said son, all my utensils for

husbandry, my weaving looms and tackling, together with my books of accounts; and all my neat cattle and sheep. Unto my granddaughter, Rachel Valentine, one feather bed. The remainder of my household goods, the one half to my daughter, Phebe Rhodes; the other half unto my three granddaughters, Marget, Rachel, and Mary Valentine. I make my trusty friend, Carman Rushman, and my son, Felix Fowler, and my wife Phebe, executors.

Witnesses, Benjamin Hall, yeoman, Michael Golder, Richard Ellison. Proved, February 19, 1783.

Page 211.—In the name of God, Amen. The sixth day of August, 1776, I, SIMON SIMONSON, of the County of Richmond, farmer, being weak and in a low state of health. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my eldest son, Isaac, four acres of land and houses and barns beginning at the south-east corner of my land; Also, two acres of woodland at the south end of my land. Unto my three sons, namely: Isaac, John, and Jeremiah, the remainder of my lands and salt meadows in equal shares; they paying to my daughter Ann, £150; each to pay £50. Should Isaac die without issue, then the land devised to him is to go to my two other sons and daughter equally. My moveable estate to be equally divided amongst my four children. My son Isaac's part to be at the south-east of my lot adjoining to the four acre lot to him before given; my son Jeremiah's part to be at the north-west side of my lot fronting on the water; my son John's part at the south-west end of my land at the Reer, and running across from fence to fence; Isaac's part to have four acres of swamp and fresh meadow at the south side of the ditch. If the swamp or meadow shall fall in Jeremiah's division, Isaac must give up his land for meadow. I make my son Isaac, my brother, Jeremiah Simonson, and Goyen Simonson, executors.

Witnesses, John Tysen, farmer, Thomas Miller, Thomas Kingsly. Proved, February 25, 1783.

Page 212.—These Presents witnesseth this thirtieth day of the twelfth month, 1781, that I, JEHU MOTT, of Hempstead, Queens County, do make this will. I leave to my wife Ruth, one bed and furniture, two cows, four sheep, six chairs, one round table, one looking glass and one cupboard. My three daughters to be made even out of my moveable estate with what they may have already, or before my death as may appear in a little book covered partly with a blue covering; if any be behind the others let these things be made to them. Unto my wife and son Jehu, all my wheat, rye, Indian corn, buckwheat, flax and provisions there may be in the house or elsewhere, equally for my family's use. The remainder of my moveables after my just debts and other charges be paid to my wife and three daughters, namely: Mary Hicks, Ruth Carman, and Rebecca Ranor, equally. My wife to have the use of my riding chair while my widow. Should there be some clothing fitting to be made up, it is to be so used for the persons intended. Unto my two sons, Jehu and Joseph, two horses, my wagon, plow, harrows, gears, lines, etc. An inventory to be made of those things after my death; my son Jehu to make half that inventory good to my son Joseph when he is twenty-one; said goods to be left on the farm for their use; my wife to have the liberty to use them, while my widow. Unto my wife and six children, all my printed books, equally. Unto my said two sons, all my wearing clothes, equally. Unto my son Joseph, my watch or time-piece; my wife to have the use of "her" till he is twenty-one, if she remain my widow. Unto my granddaughter Abigail, daughter of my said daughter Ruth, all the money received of the Church wardens which he receives for the bringing of her up; and all the monies that shall arise therefrom, as shall appear by a little book, to be paid her when eighteen years old, or at her marriage day. Unto my said two sons all my houses, lands, and meadows, divided or undivided in the Bounds of Hempstead, equally. My wife to have the use of all the

houses, cleared lands meadow and sufficient timber for fencing and firing, which I have given to my son Joseph while a minor. Should she die or marry before his majority, then said use of houses and lands to go to my son Jehu until Joseph is twenty-one, and he to bring Joseph up. Unto my wife the use of the best room in my house and chamber. Unto my son John £5, which my son Jehu is to pay. My executors to put my son Joseph to some trade if they think best. I make my wife executrix and my son-in-law, Benjamin Hicks, and my son Jehu, executors.

Witnesses, Jacob Mott, yeoman; Benjamin Hicks, Phebe Mott. Proved, February 15, 1783.

Page 215.—Know all men by these Presents that I, THOMAS BIRDSALL, of the Township of Hempstead, Queens County, yeoman, being this eighth day of September, 1782, sick and weak in body. My just debts to be first paid out of my moveable estate. I leave to my two granddaughters, Elizabeth and Rosanah Jackson, each £100, one bed and furniture when they respectively are eighteen years of age, or on day of marriage. Unto my loving and well-beloved wife Rosanah, and to my daughter, Elizabeth Jackson, the remainder of my moveable estate in equal shares; also, the rents and profits of all my real estate within Hempstead township during their natural lives, in equal shares. Unto my grandsons, Parmenas and John Jackson, my dwelling house, out houses and all my land and meadow, and rights of lands and meadows within said township, equally divided. Should both grandsons die the lands and meadows to be equally divided between my two above-named granddaughters. Should both granddaughters die without lawful issue then their shares to go to my daughter Elizabeth. I make my brother, Samuel Birdsall, and my loving wife Rosanah and my daughter, Elizabeth Jackson, executors.

Witnesses, Samuel Seaman, and Stephen Vorhis,

both of Hempstead, yeomen, and Richard Ellison. Proved, February 3, 1783.

Page 216.—In the name of God, Amen. The 23d day of May, 1771. I, JOSEPH MAPES, of Southold, County of Suffolk, being now in health of body. My just debts and legacies to be paid. I give the use and improvement of my neck of land, on which I now live, to my beloved wife Kesiah during her natural life, according to the lease from my son Joseph. The one third of my wearing apparel unto my son Joseph, together with what I have heretofore given him. Unto my sons, James and Phineas, each a like part of my wearing apparel. Unto my daughters, Keziah Reeve and Joanna Halliock, £50 each, payable out of my moveable estate. Unto my daughter, Ame Mapes, a like sum; Also, an equal part of my estate as my two daughters abovenamed have already had. Whereas I have verbally given to my said daughter Ame a negro girl called Hagar, she may have her choice of said negro or the part of my moveable estate, but not both. Should my said daughter die without lawful issue her portion to be divided between my two sons, James and Phineas. After my debts and legacies be paid, and my son Phineas has received £150 which I have given him by a Deed, to be paid after my decease, then the remainder of my estate is to be equally divided between my two said sons. None of my legacies to be paid by my executors during my natural life, or that of my said wife. After my decease my executors are to sell my negro man called William and my negro woman named Gense. All that is due to me from my son Joseph my executors are to use toward paying my debts and legacies. I make my son-in-law, Thomas Reeve and my son James, executors.

Witnesses, Robert Hempsted, Mehetable Hempstead, spinster, Lydia Tuthill. Proved, February 10, 1783.

Page 218.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARY DAWSON, widow, of New York, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave unto my granddaughter, Mary Meeks, £40. Unto my daughter Sarah, the wife of David Man, all my household furniture, excepting one desk and one cupboard; Also, the half of my wearing apparel; one black gown, first choice. Unto my granddaughter Elizabeth, the daughter of Alias Anderson, one black crape gown and one short cloak. Likewise to my said granddaughter, Mary Meeks, one callicoe gown and one quilted petticoat. The remainder of my personal estate to be divided equally to my three daughters, Sarah, Mary and Susannah. Whereas Alias Anderson, the husband of my daughter Susannah is justly indebted to me in the sum of £70, lent to him about twenty-three years past, that sum is to be deducted out of the share of my daughter Susannah. Whereas my son, Richard Dawson, deceased, is indebted to me in the sum of £140, to discharge a debt to Cornelius Tiebout, as may appear by a bond, I give the same claim and demands of that sum to my two grandsons, Charles and James, the sons of my son Richard, for their father's portion. Whereas certain sums are due to me by note and account of my son, Bosevelt Dawson, deceased, they shall be equally divided among my three daughters. Whereas Minard Van Everen, then the husband of my daughter Mary, now the wife of Archard Getfield, is justly indebted to me by bond £132, with interest, the same is to be deducted out of the share of my said daughter. I make my trusty son-in-law, David Man, butcher, executor.

Dated January 16, 1783. Witnesses, Louis Andrew Gautier, inn-keeper, Henry Brevoort, Jacob Berhart. Proved, March 17, 1783.

Page 220.—In the Name of God, Amen. I, REM COUWENHOVEN, of the Township of Brookland, Kings County, being very sick in body. All my just and law-

ful debts to be paid. Having considerable real estate in common with my brother John, to make a just division between him and me, I authorize my son John to divide the same as for me personally, and to sign releases. Unto my said son, my homestead and farm where I now live; bounded westerly by the corner of the homestead formerly my father's, nearly opposite Michael Bergen's; along the highroad to Doctor Duncan's land; and so along Dr. Duncan's, Benson's, brother John's, etc.; and along the farm I lately bought of Mr. Foxcraft; and along the Bevoise's estate and the homestead on which my mother now lives; containing about 90 acres; together with the buildings and improvements. Likewise unto my son John, my piece of land commonly called Dirck on Camp, containing 23 acres; Also, my part of the Hock Common, so called, about 21 acres of land and meadow; Also, my land known as Yellow Waters Camp, now in fence, about 27 acres.

Unto my son Nicholas, all the plantation which I bought of Mr. Foxcraft, and rented to Mr. Rierson, and its buildings and improvements; Also, my land known as Aughterse Camp, containing in fence, about 27 acres; Also my meadow in the Wallabought; Also, a small narrow stretch of land adjoining, about 2 acres. As to my half part of the homestead where my mother now lives, as subject to the encumbrance thereon, my executors, if they think best, or necessary to pay my debts or legacies, are to sell it at publick or private sale. The remainder of my real estate, as soon as divided to go to my sons, John and Nicholas, in equal shares. Unto my daughter Caty, £1,000. Unto my daughter Sally, £700 out of my estate. If there is a deficiency in my Cash Books, debts and proceeds of sale, my sons, in consideration, shall pay such deficiency to my daughter as they respectively arrive to lawful age. My household and kitchen furniture, plate, stock of horses and cattle, farming utensils and slaves, unto all my children, viz.: John, Nicholas, Caty,

and Sally, in equal shares. I make my brother Nicholas, my son John, and Peter Lefferts, executors. The 14th of January, 1782.

Witnesses, Nicholas Couwenhoven, Esquire; Peter Lefferts, yeoman; John R. Couwenhoven, bolter; all of Kings County. Proved, February 10, 1783.

NOTE.—This will was unsigned; being “marked” by the testator.

Page 222.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PONTIUS PINTARD, late of the Coast of Africa, and now on my way to London, considering the frailty of life. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid before any division of my estate be made. Unto my honoured mother Abigail, now the widow of Jonathan Lewis, deceased, late of Staten Island, one half of the rents and profits of all the estate, real or personal, that I shall die possessed of, for and during her natural life. Unto the three children of my late brother, John Pintard, the income of one fourth of my estate towards their support until they respectively are twenty-one or marry. Unto the children of my sister Abigail, now wife of Malachia White, of Toms River, Monmouth County, East New Jersey, the income of the remaining one fourth of my estate payable in like manner and purpose. No division to be made until the decease of my mother; after which, if any of my nephews or nieces shall become of age, or marry, then an equal share shall be paid to such legatees as they respectively come of age, or marry. I make my loving kinsmen Louis Pintard and Anthony Van Dam, of the City of New York, merchants. Will not dated.

(Signed) PONTIUS STILLE PINTARD.

Witnesses, Wynant Van Zandt, of the said city, pump-maker; John Roome, John Hamilton. Proved, March 25, 1783.

Page 223.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN VAN PELT, of Staten Island, Richmond County, weaver,

being weak in body. All my just debts to be paid. I leave to my son John, ten shillings. After my decease, within one year, all my real and personal estate to be sold; proceeds to pay debts, charges, and above legacy. The overplus to be divided between my son George and my four daughters, viz: Mary, Rachel, Lucrece, and Sary, and my two grandchildren, John and Mary, children of my daughter Susannah, deceased; my son George to have £6, to my daughters and two grandchildren, £2; and in like proportion for what there is. The share of any of said children dying under age and without issue to be equally divided between the survivors. I make my brother, Anthony Van Pelt, and John Mersereau, son of John Mersereau, deceased, executors.

Dated May 16, 1782. Witnesses, Henry Latourette, John Van Pelt, farmer, John Vanpelt. Proved, March 26, 1783.

Page 224.—These Presents witnesseth that I, ZEBULON SEAMAN, of Jerusalem, in the Township of Hempstead, Queens County, being this tenth day of October, 1778, of perfect mind and memory. All my estate, real and personal, to be sold at the discretion of my executors. I leave all unto my three nephews, viz: Jacob, Zebulon, and Rowland Seaman, in equal shares, after my lawful debts and funeral charges be paid. I make Jonathan Rowland and Thomas Seaman, schoolmaster, executors.

Witnesses, Israel Seaman and Samuel Jackson, both of Hempstead, yeomen; and Almy Seaman. Proved, March 12, 1783.

Page 225.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN DUNSCOMB, of the City of New York, cooper, being in an infirm state of health. My body to be interred in a pitch pine coffin coloured black, and well polished, with a Hart and my name and age and cross-bones upon it. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I

leave to my worthy friend, John Saunders, the choice of one full and whole suit of my best apparel. All my real and personal estate, except the above mentioned, to be sold by my executors; the proceeds to be divided as follows: Unto Eljie, wife of my son John, as a Testimony of the particular regard I have for her, £10 to buy her mourning apparel. Unto my grandson, Daniel Dunscomb, son of my son John, £50, as a testimony of my approbation of his good demeanour to me. Unto my son-in-law, Israel Muns, £100. Unto my son Dennis, on his return to this City, if that should so happen, and my executors shall think that his future behaviour merits it, £100. The remainder of my whole estate to be divided into three equal parts; one part for the children of my daughter Hannah, in equal shares; a like part to my daughter Ellinor; the remaining part to be divided into two equal shares, one share unto my said grandson, Daniel Dunscomb, and the other unto his two sisters equally. Should my executors decide that my son Dennis does not merit the £100 given to him, then that sum is to be divided among the said children of my daughter Hannah, the three aforesaid children of my son John, and to my daughter Ellinor. I make my son-in-law, Daniel Muns, my daughter Ellinor, my grandson Daniel, and my friend, John Saunders, executors.

Dated February 19, 1783. Witnesses, Jarvis Roebuck, trader; and John Barrow, baker; both of the City of New York; and Bartholomew Crannell. Proved, March 31, 1783.

Page 227.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN PITCHER, of New York, Commissary of the Musters of His Majesty's Forces in North America, being of perfect mind and memory. After my just debts and funeral charges be paid, I leave to my nephew, Thomas Huntington, my lands and tenements situate in the Counties of Westchester and Albany. Should he die

without issue, then the said estates to my loving sisters, Eleanor Huntington and Grace Pitcher. In case of failure of their issue, then to next of kindred of the family of Pitchers I descended from, of Somersetshire, Old England. Unto my said sister Eleanor, £50 lawful money of Great Britain. Unto my niece, Ann Huntington, a like sum of like money. Unto my said sister Grace, all the remainder of my monies, rents, debts due to me, to her use and behoof excepting such sums I may be possessed of in the Publick Bonds of England; such sums to remain in said Funds; the interest arising therefrom to go to my sisters Eleanor and Grace during their natural lives; the survivor of either to have the whole interest; when both die, the said principal to go equally to my nephew and niece, Thomas and Ann Huntington. I make my loving sister, Grace Pitcher, of Wells, in Somersetshire; William Porter, Esquire, Deputy Commissary of Musters; and Mr. Cornelius Clopper, merchant, of New York, executors; they to pay my just debts and legacies abovementioned, with all convenient speed after my decease.

Dated March 1, 1782. Witnesses, Daniel Ten Eyck, of the City of New York, black-smith, Abraham Ten Eyck, William Harris. Proved, April 1, 1783.

Page 229.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN HUDSON, of Gilderson, in Yorkshire, merchant, at present residing in the City of New York, being very weak in body. After all my just debts be paid, I leave my whole personal and real estate to my brother, William Hudson; to hold the latter upon trust and condition nevertheless that he and his heirs shall pay unto my honoured mother, Sarah Hudson, one half the yearly profits of my real estate to her own use during her natural life. I make my said brother in England, and Mr. George Campbell, victular, of New York, executors.

Dated September 1, 1782. Witnesses, Matthew Gem-

mil, Broughton Reynolds, of New York, inn-keeper; Joshua Meals. Proved, April 7, 1783.

Page 230.—In the name of God, Amen. The eighth day of January, 1775. I, ISRAEL CARMAN, of Hempstead, Queens County, being in a good state of health. I leave to my well-beloved wife Milley, one bed, bedstead and cord, and sufficient bedding; also, my cupboard, three chairs, one iron pot, one trammel, one frying pan, fire shovel and tongs, six pewter plates, one pewter platter, one pewter bason, six knives and forks, one table, six spoons and one cow; she to take choice. Likewise, unto her, the use of as much more of my household goods as my executors shall think she is in need of, provided she maintains my children as I direct. All my real and personal estate to be sold. All my just debts to be paid out of proceeds; my wife to have the interest of net proceeds in lieu of dower, providing she takes a prudent care of my children until they are of fit age to be put out to trades or some calling most to their advantage. At her death or marriage, my estate to be divided among my children. Unto my daughters, Martha and Catren, £10 each; unto my sons, William and Daniel, £20 each. In case I should have any more children, hereafter, not above mentioned, they are to have an equal share in proportion with the rest. Unto my father, Daniel Carman, all my wearing apparel. My executors to take such charge of my children to instruct them for their good, as I myself could. I make John Mott, my uncle; and James Carman, my brother; both of Hempstead, executors.

(Signed)

ISRAEL CARMON.

Witnesses, James Southard, of Hempstead, yeoman; William Langdon, Martha Sealey. Proved, March 29, 1783.

Page 232.—In the name of God, Amen. The sixth day of March, 1779, I, WILLIAM POOL, of Hempstead,

Queens County, N. Y., make this will. My moveable estate to be sold and the proceeds divide as follows: one fourth part to my well beloved wife Mary, the other three parts to my well beloved daughters, Sarah, Lette, and Elizabeth Pool, equally divided and to be paid as they arrive to the age of eighteen. My lands and tenements to be sold and out of the proceeds all my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. The overplus I give to my well beloved sons, namely: Thomas and Pearse Pool, equally, to be paid when Pearse is twenty-one. Wife Mary to have the interest of the money paid to her for the bringing up of the children until they are of age. I make my brother-in-law, Archelos Langdon, and my trusty friend, James Carman, both of Hempstead, executors.

Witnesses, Richard Mott, John Langdon, and Isaac Denton. Proved, March 29, 1783.

Page 234.—In the name of God, Amen. The twenty-eighth day of March, 1782. I, NATHANIEL FROST, of Hempstead, Queens County, being in good health. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors, namely: Nancy Frost, my well-beloved wife; Archable Langdon, James Sealy. They to sell as much of my lands as to pay my debts. I leave to my wife Nancy, one bed and bedding, one cow, with all other necessary things to keep with, as her own property, in lieu of dower; my house and all my lands on the south side of the road leading from the Plains to Near Rockaway, while my widow. Unto my daughter, Elizabeth Langdon, £20. Unto my daughter Mary, two cows and calves, one bed and bedding, as she may choose; and £32. My farm lying on the north side of said road to be sold by my executors; the proceeds to be divided among my four sons. My son Jacob to have £5 first of all. My other farm that my wife lives on, after her marriage or decease, to be sold; the proceeds to be distributed among my four sons, namely; Jacob, Thomas, John, and Stevens. Should any die before

twenty-one or without lawful issue, then their parts to go to my surviving sons equally. My meadows lying at Hungry Harbour unto my four sons equally.

Witnesses, Cornelius V. Nostrand, Benjamin Mott, yeoman, Richbell Mott. Proved, March 29, 1783.

Page 235.—In the name of God, Amen. March, 6th day, 1783. I, JOHN SMITH, of Hempstead, Queens County, yeoman, being sick and weak. My just debts and funeral charges being first satisfied, my executors are to sell all my moveable estate. The proceeds, with the money I have at interest and elsewhere, to be disposed of as follows: I leave to my loving son Samuel, the £10 that he borrowed of me, and £10 more to be taken out of the £25 he hired of me; also all my wearing apparel. Unto my grandson John, son of Samuel Smith, £20. Unto my granddaughter, Abigail Doxsey, £25, to be paid when she is eighteen. My executors to keep £25 at interest; the interest to be given to my loving daughter Margret, wife of John Thurston, as long as she lives. Should her husband die before her, then she is to have the aforesaid £25. Unto my son William's four children, namely: Samuel, Sarah, Jane, and Johanas Smith, £40, in equal shares; Also, the remainder of my estate, unto my loving grandchildren, namely: Samuel, Sarah, Jane, Johanas, John, James, and Mary Smith and Abigil Doxsy. Whereas, I have given to my daughter, Margaret Thurston, £25, if her husband die before her, she is to have the £25; but if she die before her husband, then the £25 is to go to all my eight grandchildren in equal shares. I make my loving friends, Uriah Bedell, and Joshua Pettit, executors.

Witnesses, James Wood, of Hempstead, yeoman; Isaac Pettit, Jr., William Tucker, of Hempstead, yeoman. Proved, March 27, 1783.

Page 237.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SARAH SCUDDER, of New Town, Queens County, being at this

time in good health. All debts and funeral charges to be paid. My estate of whatever kind or nature to be sold at publick vendue. Sufficient provision to be made for the maintenance of my negro man Purse out of my estate, after he becomes unable to maintain himself. I leave £25 to Sarah Denmon, daughter of my sister, Deborah Denmon. Unto my beloved sister, Mary Rume, the remainder of my estate. Should she die before she can receive the aforesaid legacy, then it is to be equally divided among her children, namely: John Rume, Sarah Southard, Mary Lowsey, and Elizabeth Bates. Should my executors agree to keep a certain sum in Bank for the maintenance of my said negro man, and it should be more than sufficient to maintain him, the overplus to be paid to my sister, Mary Rume, or to her children. I make my trusty friends, Richard Alsop, Esq., and Capt. George Rapelje, executors.

Dated March 28, 1781. Witnesses, James Harper; John Rapelje, son of George Rapelje, of New Town, inn-keeper; George Rapelje, junior. Proved, April 2, 1783.

Page 239.—In ye name of God, Amen. I, SHAD-ERICH TERRY, of Smith Town, County of Suffolk, being weak in body, do this first day of February, 1783, make this will. My funeral expenses to be paid, likewise my just debts. I leave to my loving wife Mary, the equal third part of all my lands, to be improved by her during her natural life; and one room in the house; all my household goods; one horse and half my neat cattle and smaller stock; except one bed. Unto my loving brother Thomas, all my lands, house and barns, and the said bed; ordering him to take and bring up ye youngest child of James Morris, providing for it whatever is needful for its comfort and subsistence till it is of age, provided its friends shall give consent. Also to him, the remainder of my stock and my farming utensils to carry on farming. After payment of debts,

the remainder of my ready money to be equally divided between my wife and my brother Thomas. I make my wife and my brother Thomas, and Joseph Blydenburgh, executors.

(Signed)

SHADRACH TERRY.

Witnesses, Joseph Blydenburgh, Timothy Mills, yeoman, Joshua Hart. Proved, February 13, 1783.

Page 240.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES MAPES, of Southold, in ye County of Suffolk, being sick and weak in body. After my just debts and funeral charges be paid, I leave to my well beloved wife Deliverance, all my lands, buildings, and improvements, together with all my real and personal estate, while my widow. If she marry, to have £100 and a horse and riding chair. Unto my two sons, namely: James Hawkins Mapes and Jonas Mapes, each a Bible; to be purchased out of my estate. Unto my daughter Joannah, a Bible. Should my wife marry, all my estate (except the dowry above mentioned), to go to my said two sons and daughter, in equal shares. I make my wife and my brother-in-law, Joseph Hawkins, executors.

Dated February 5, 1783. Witnesses, Joel Conkling, Joseph Homan, yeoman, Joseph Gerard. Proved, March 17, 1783.

Page 241.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILHELMUS STOOOTHOFF, of the Township of Flat Lands, Kings County, being of a sound and perfect understanding and memory. First, all my just debts and funeral charges to be paid out of my estate. I leave to Aeltje, my dear and loving wife, my best cupboard, bed, bedstead, and its furniture; Also, my best horse and riding chair, for her own use, while my widow. At her death or marriage, the same to be sold by my executors for the benefit of my estate. Unto my two sons, Johannis and Wilhelmus, a lot of salt meadow lying on the north side of the island called by the

Indian name of Wypnagne; being bounded easterly by meadow of Elias Hubbard, southerly by a ditch near the upland of said island, westerly by meadow of said Johannis Stoothoff, northerly by the creek; Also, all my rights, and claims in the Common and undivided lands and meadows lying within the Patent of Andrias Huddle and Wolfert Gerresten, and in the Patent of Flat Lands; Also, my rights and seats in the Dutch Church of Flat Lands; all to be equally divided between them. My lands and meadows in the Township of Flat Lands (except what is bequeathed to my sons), shall be sold by my executors at some convenient time after my decease, amongst my five sons, namely: Johannes, Albert, Wilhelmus, Abraham, and Peter, to the highest bidder. Unto my son Peter, £500; unto my sons, Albert, Johannis, Wilhelmus, Abraham, and Peter, each one equal sixth part of the remainder of my estate. Unto my two granddaughters, daughters of my son, Garret Stoothoff, deceased, namely: Aelje and Deborah, the remaining sixth part, equally; payable by my executors as they respectively are twenty-one. My five sons shall pay to my wife Aelje, £8, 6s. 8d., on the first day of May next after my decease, and yearly on same date, each the like sum, while she is my widow. The joint portions, said Aelje and Deborah to be subject to same annual payments for like term. I make my sons, Albert, Johannes, Wilhelmus, and Abraham, executors.

Dated February 1, 1781. Witnesses, Gerryt Wyckoff, Peter G. Wyckoff, Jeromus Lott; all of Flat Lands, yeomen. Proved April 14, 1783.

Page 243.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN COVENHOVEN, of the City of New York, baker, being of sound mind and memory. After all my just debts be paid, I leave to my dearly beloved wife Mary, all my real and personal estate. I make my said loving wife, executrix.

Dated June 12, 1781. Witnesses, Joshua Pell; Ed-

ward Mooney, of the City of New York, butcher; John Woods, Jr. Proved, April 15, 1783.

Page 244.—In the name of God, Amen. I, COMFORT CORNELL, of Flushing, Queens County, yeoman, being weak of body, do this first day of August, 1782, make my will. I leave to my well beloved wife Elizabeth, two cows such as she shall choose, my chair horse and riding chair. Unto my wife, and unto my two daughters, Abigail and Alice, and to each child or children of mine as shall happen to be born after my decease, all my household goods, money, and all other moveables within doors, in equal shares. My wife to have the keeping of said property until my children are of lawful age. The residue of my moveable estate to be sold by my executors at publick vendue, except my negroes which are to be sold before or after said vendue; the proceeds of both sales to be disposed of hereafter. My whole estate to be sold by my executors after consulting with my brother, Samuel Cornell, whether it will be convenient for him to sell the whole estate together; if not convenient, to measure off my equal half thereof agreeable to an instrument in writing bearing date October 11, 1781, at such time and terms as they shall think most advantageous, and that it be turned into money; the proceeds to be disposed of as follows: All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid; the residue to be put out at interest for the maintenance of my wife and the maintenance and education of my children. I make my well-beloved wife Elizabeth, and my trusty and well-beloved friends, Joseph Lawrence and Jacob Suydam, all of Flushing, executors.

Witnesses, Frederic Jahn, yeoman, Enoch Gerrish, school-master, Hannah Embree. Proved, March 24, 1783.

Page 246.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DAVID JONES, of the City of New York, tailor, being weak in

body. After my just debts and funeral expenses are defrayed I leave to my dear beloved wife Mary, the interest of my whole estate, real and personal, during the term of her natural life. After her death the whole principal to be equally divided between my mother (if living), and my brothers' and sisters' children, always excepting that my wife is at free liberty after my decease to give (by will only), her share of a house and lot in William Street (which was left by her father equally to her and her sister), to whomsoever she pleases. After my decease if any debts or book accounts should be recovered or any money on my account, the same is to be invested in real property, or put out at interest, which is to be (as all the rest) for the behoof of my wife; saving nevertheless, that the principal is to be divided as aforesaid, with the exception of a legacy I desire to be paid to George Powers, son of George Powers, butcher, at Brooklin, Nassau Island, of £30 when he is twenty-one. Should he die before his majority, the said sum is to go to his brother, James Powers. Should neither come to age, then it is to descend to my wife. I make my dearly beloved wife, my loving friends, George Powers, of Brooklyn Ferry on Nassau Island, butcher, and George Stanton, of the City of New York, carpenter, executors.

Dated July 10, 1782. Witnesses, John Cowling, of the City of New York, George Powers, Mary Jones. Proved, April 28, 1783.

Page 247.—In the name of God, Amen. The twenty-sixth day of August, 1781, I, Michael Demot, of Hempstead, Queens County, blacksmith, being at this time sick and weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my well-beloved son John, all my tools or utensils that I have belonging to the blacksmith's trade. Unto my beloved daughter Else, wife of Christian Snedecor, £100, to be levied out of my estate. Unto my well-beloved daughter, Mary Skidmore, £100, to be paid as my executors think her

wants or needs do require. Should she die before she shall receive the whole sum, the remainder to be equally divided among her children. Unto my well-beloved daughter Elizabeth, wife of John Foster, £100. Unto my well-beloved daughter, Mariam Demot, £100 payable when she is eighteen; Also, two cows and all the household goods that were her mother's. Unto my well-beloved granddaughter, Maryam Snedecor, £5 out of my moveable estate. Unto my said three daughters, all my indoor household moveables (not before bequeathed), and likewise, one negro girl named Mol in equal and ratable proportion. Unto my well-beloved three sons, John, Samuel and Abraham, all my outdoor moveables also my houses, buildings, lands and meadows that I have and may have, to be equally divided. The remaining part of my lands and meadows and housings to be equally divided among my three sons. I make my brother John and Samuel Demot and my son-in-law, Christian Snedecor, executors.

Witnesses, James Everit, and Richard Hewlett and Nathen Skidmore, both of Hempstead, yeomen.

Codicil. This twenty-fifth day of September, 1782, I do make this codicil. Whereas, in my last will, I have given to my three sons, John, Samuel, and Abraham, all my lands to be equally divided; now, whereas my said son Samuel, lieth very sick and weak in body, and in case he should die before he shall be entitled to said lands or legacies so given to him, I order that that part which should have befallen unto him shall be equally divided between my other two sons, John and Abraham. I make my son Abraham, another executor. (Same witnesses). Proved, April 7, 1783.

Page 250.—In the name of God, Amen. I, GARRET SLEIGHT, of the City of New York, butcher, being weak in body this fifteenth day of May, 1767. I leave to my dearly beloved wife Catherine, all my estate, real and personal. I make my loving wife Catharine and my



good friends, William De Peyster and Benjamin Stout, executors.

Witnesses, Abraham De Peyster; Elias Anderson, of the City of New York, inn-keeper; Samuel Wall. Proved, September 11, 1780.

Page 251.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JANE GARRISON, of the City of New York, being sick in body. I give to Mrs. Frances Jones, widow, £10. The one equal fourth part of my real estate to my half-brother, Nicholas Kortright; a like part to my half sister, Frances Norris; a like portion to the three children of my sister, Mrs. Tilton, Bertrang, Nicholas and Elizabeth in equal shares; the remaining fourth part to Abraham Bertrang, son of my brother. My executors as soon as possible after my decease to sell my real estate; the proceeds with the residue of my personal estate (after paying the above legacies and all debts and funeral charges), to go as follows: One equal fourth to said Nicholas Kortright; should he die before the sale, the legacy to go to his children in equal shares. A like part to said Frances Norris; should she marry, then to her children equally. A like part to the abovenamed children of my sister, Mrs. Tilton. The remaining one fourth part to said Abraham Bertrang, son of my brother. But as it is uncertain whether he is living, if he should not be heard of within two years after my decease, his part to go to Nicholas Kortright, Frances Norris, and to the children of Mrs. Tilton. I make my sister, Mrs. Tilton, my half sister, Frances Norris, and Frances Jones, widow, executors.

Dated November 29, 1782. Witnesses, Cornelius I. Bogert, of the City of New York, Esquire; Isaac Demilt, Mary Downey. Proved, May 19, 1783.

Page 253.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SOLOMON HUSKIS, of Philips's Manor, Westchester County, yeoman, being very weak but of perfect mind and memory. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid.

I leave to my son Solomon, the farm in Dutchess County with the appurtenances, with this reserve: to pay a certain bond of £100 to John Hunt, of Philips's Manor; and likewise £30, which is part of a note I owe Madam Oglesby; likewise, unto him £15. Unto my son Charles, £15. Unto my sons, Jesse and Samuel, my negro boy named Taf. Unto my sons, Jonathan and Edward, £15 each. Unto my oldest daughter, Bershaba, £20; likewise two milk cows and my bilsted cupboard and her feather bed and bedding. Unto my daughters, Mary, Phebe and Sarah, £15 each. Unto my son in law — Williams, ten shillings. The reason why I make this statement: he had his portion before. Unto my sons, Jesse and Samuel, the house and lot in the City of New York in Queen Street near Mr. Kisick's; and the farm whereon I now live in Philips's Manor, with everything thereunto belonging; Also, my household goods and moveable effects, with this condition: that they maintain my son John for life, in victuals, drink, washing, mending, and lodging, and at his death a Christian burial; likewise to maintain my loving wife Phebe for life; she to have the best room in the house to live in, a milk cow to her use, and Bersheba to live with her; my wife to have a decent Christian burial. I make Solomon Hustis, Jesse Hustis, and Samuel Hustis, my three sons, executors.

Dated September 6, 1782. Witnesses, John Sleght, yeoman, and Job Vail, miller, both of Westchester County; and Edward Vermilya. Proved, May 19, 1783.

Page 255.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM LAKE, of the City of New York, being very weak in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be first paid. I leave to my dearly beloved wife Elizabeth, all the household furniture and effects that I have which was given to her by her father; Also, £200 in lieu of dower. The remainder of my personal estate

to be sold. The remainder of my estate unto my three children, namely: Elizabeth, David, and John, in equal shares. The proceeds of sale of my estate, and all other monies, to be put at interest, which shall go to maintain and educate my children. My executors to pay to my said daughter Elizabeth, her portion when she is sixteen years old; to my sons, when they are twenty-one, or marry. I make my two brothers, Daniel and Joseph Lake, of the County of Richmond, executors.

Dated February 26, 1783. Witnesses, Paul Micheau, Esq., John Micheau, Esq., Joseph Guyon, yeoman; all of County of Richmond. Proved, May 17, 1783.

Page 256.—In the name of God, Amen. The thirtieth day of August, 1778. I, MARTHA MARSHALL, widow of John Marshall, of the County of Richmond, being very sick and weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my daughter Catharine, two milch cows. Unto my son Abraham, one milch cow. All my wearing apparel to be equally divided between my two daughters and my granddaughter, Martha Mersereau. My bed, bedstead and all the furniture which belonged to my daughter Mary, deceased, unto my granddaughter, Mary Marshall, daughter of my son Abraham. Unto my said daughter Catherine, one bed and its furniture, which she now has in possession. Each of my grandchildren that bear my name, both of my son's daughters, shall have as much money out of my estate as will buy each of them a gold ring, leaving the value of the same to my executors. The remainder of my estate to go as follows: One third part to my daughter Martha, wife of Daniel Van Leift; a like part to my daughter Catharine; the remaining third part to the children of my daughter Frances, deceased, in the following manner: £15 to my granddaughter, Martha Mersereau; £5 to my grandson, David Mersereau; the remainder of said third part to be equally divided between my four

grandchildren (children of my said daughter Frances), namely: Martha, abovenamed, John, Paul and David. I make my trusty friends, Benjamin Seaman and John Micheau, Esq., executors.

Witnesses, John Bedell Jr., ferryman, Bornt Parlee, Peter Parlee, farmer. Proved, May 16, 1783.

NOTE.—Benjamin Lazalere, of County of Richmond, farmer, was granted Letters of Administration on May 22, 1783.

Page 258.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES BENNETT, late of the Town of Broomsgrove, County of Worcester and Kingdom of Great Britain, at present of the City of New York, jeweller. I leave to my beloved brother Thomas, one guinea; to my beloved wife Ann, late Ann Sneith (Smith?), daughter of — Sneith (Smith?) and Elizabeth Sneith (Smith?), all the remainder of my estate, real and personal. I make my wife Ann, executrix.

Dated April 28, 1783. There being no stamps in this country. Witnesses, Samuel Brownjohn, of the City of New York, gentleman; John Benny, James Barclay. Proved, May 26, 1783.

Page 259.—In the name of God, Amen. I, RICHARD FORTINE, belonging to the ship *Prince William Henry*, commanded by Capt. Braien. After all my just debts be paid, I leave to my esteemed friend, William Tillet of the *Prince William Henry*, belonging to Mr. "Renelldeer" of New York, both my real and personal estate. I make William Gordon, executor.

Dated December 16, 1782. Witnesses, William Tillet and William Gordon, of the City of New York, grocer. Proved, May 28, 1783.

Page 260.—Memorandum that on the seventh day of May, 1783, Marianne Randall, of the City of New York, being sick of the sickness whereof she died on the same day, did at her own house in said City, make and declare her last will and testament non-cupative

in manner and form following, that is to say: I give to Mrs. Lanah Brown of said city, widow, the house and lot now in her possession, as she has paid rent regularly and been a good neighbour. Unto Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, now living in a house and lot of ground in Barrack Street, which she formerly rented, together also with a small apartment now in the possession of Mr. Buckhouse, to become her property. These words or the like in effect, the said deceased declared in the presence of witnesses, and others whose names are subscribed with an intention that the same should stand for, and be her last will and testament, and that the said witnesses should bear witness thereunto.

Dated May 9, 1783. Witnesses, Catharine Eckart and Catharine Willis, of the City of New York, widows; Abigail Cock, of said city, married woman. Witnesses to subscription: Mary Hosmer, Cary Ludlow. Proved, May 12, 1783.

Letters of Administration granted to John Cock, gardener; and Abraham Eckart, grocer; both of City of New York, on May 13, 1783.

Page 261.—The fourteenth day of May, 1783. In the name of God, Amen. I, MEREAH CATHARINE SIGLAR, of the City of New York, widow, being well in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executors. I leave to my good friend, Benjamin Stout, of said city, merchant, £50. Unto Andrew Stout, son of John Stout, of said city, baker, £25 when he is twenty-one, or marry. Should he die before either happen, his legacy to go to the oldest child of said John Stout. Unto my god-child, Goodheart Siglar, £50 at majority or marriage. My executor to sell at publick vendue or otherwise, as thought meet, all my real and personal estate. Unto Peter and David Grim, both of said city, £50 in trust for the benefit of the congregation belonging to the Lutheran Church in the City of New York which is built in the swamp; to

be applied by them as they shall think best for promoting the general interest and advancement of said church and congregation. Unto George Stuiffer, £10 at majority or marriage. Should Goodheart Seigler or George Stuiffer die under age or unmarried, then his legacy to go to the said Benjamin Stout. The remainder of my estate to Benjamin Stout aforesaid; whom I make executor.

(Signed) MARIA CATHERINE SEIGLAR.

Witnesses, Henry Dow, John Dow, John Woods, of the said city, Esquire. Proved, May 26, 1783.

Page 263.—In the name of God, Amen. I, LUKE TOWNSEND, of the City of New York, mariner. After all my just debts be paid I leave to my beloved wife Experience, and my daughter Elenor, all my estate, real and personal, in equal shares. I make Experience Townsend and my brother, William Townsend, mariner, executors.

Dated June 10, 1779. Witnesses, John Martin, George Grumbel, Robert Wirling, of the City of New York, mariner. Proved, April 14, 1783.

Page 264.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS CORTELYOU, of Staten Island, carpenter, being weak in body. The whole of my estate to be sold and converted into money. My just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. If the legatees shall agree to a suitable and equitable division of my estate among themselves, then the same need not be sold. Unto my wife Sarah, one bed and its furniture, and £50. Unto my son Jacob, a like sum; unto my son Peter, £40 extraordinary. All my wearing apparel to be equally divided between Jacob and Peter. The remainder of my estate to be equally divided between my wife Sarah and my five children, namely: Eleanor, Martha, Jacob, Mary, and Peter. Should any children die under age, his or her share to go to survivors equally. Whereas my daughter Elenor has already had about £30 more than the rest, that sum is to be deducted from her

part. I make my trusty and well-beloved wife Sarah, my son Jacob and my son-in-law, Edward Beatty, executors.

Dated July 14, 1778. Witnesses, Cornelius Vanderventer, Peter Perine, James Colon, of Richmond County, farmer. Proved, June 9, 1783.

Page 265.—In the name of God, Amen. The twenty-ninth day of April, 1783. I, CORNELIUS BARKELO, of the County of Richmond, yeoman, being weak in body. All my honest debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my beloved wife Wintie, the best bed and its furniture, the choice of one milch cow and one horse; one third part of all the household furniture. Unto my eldest son, Abraham, my silver hilted sword. Unto my son John, my silver watch. Unto my son Nicholas, my gun. Unto the said three sons, all my real estate of lands and meadows, with all Rights and Interest equally to be divided between them. My sons to pay to my two daughters, Catharine and Sarah, £50 to each when they become of age or years of maturity. My wife Wintie shall hold and occupy all my real estate until my youngest child shall reach said age. Unto my wife £50, in lieu of dower to be paid at the above term by my three sons out of my real estate. The remainder of my estate to be sold by my Executors in publick vendue for cash. Any remaining cash to be used for the support of my family. Should any of my sons die under age and without heirs, then the shares of them so dying are to be equally divided among the survivors of my sons, or their heirs. The share of a daughter so dying to descend in like manner to the surviving daughter, or her heirs. I make my beloved friend, Nicholas Stillwell, my uncle, and Cornelius Corsen, executors.

(Signed)

CORNELIUS BARCKLOW.

Witnesses, Peter Houseman, and Daniel Simonson and Daniel Salter (both tanners). Proved, June 9, 1783.

Page 267.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANTHONY STOUTENBOROUGH, of Richmond County, do make this will. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. I leave to my daughter Elizabeth, wife of Ephrame Johnson, £60. Unto my daughter Mary, wife of James Laturette, a like sum. Unto my grandchildren, born of my daughter Leanah, deceased, £60, to be equally divided among them, namely: Ann, Abraham, Johanna, Isaac, Jacob, Anthony, James, Aaron, and Leanah, to be paid to each at the time of my death. Unto my wife Mary, the use of my whole estate, real and personal, while my widow, upon condition she makes no waste thereof. Unto my eldest son, John, £25; unto my youngest son, Stephen, £50; to be demanded by them at the death or marriage of my wife. The remainder of the estate at her decease or marriage to be equally divided among my four sons, namely: John, James, Anthony, and Stephen. Should any die before the death or marriage of my wife, and without lawful issue, then the parts of them so dying are to be divided equally among my surviving sons. I make my dearly beloved wife Mary, and my two sons, John and James, executors.

Dated February 8, 1783. Witnesses, Henry Segine, black-smith, and Peter Androvet, farmer, both of said County, and Isaac Doty. Proved, June 9, 1783.

[NOTE.—The executors above named having refused to qualify, Isaac and Cornelius Remsen, sons and legatees were granted letters of administration on July 18, 1783.]

Page 269.—I, JOHN REMSON, of Oysterbay, Queens County, yeoman, being this twenty-first day of March, 1770, sick and weak of body. My executors to pay all my just debts and funeral charges out of my personal estate. I leave to my beloved wife Sarah, all those goods and chattels which she brought to me by marriage, in lieu of her dower. My executors to sell all my houses and lands, and collect the money. Then

they are to pay my eldest daughter, Hendrickie Vanwickley, £50, besides what I have given her heretofore. Unto my second daughter, Adrianchy Frost, £50, besides what she has had already. Unto my youngest daughter, Jane Remsen, £50. Likewise unto her, so much more out of my estate as may make her equal to her sisters, for an outset, to be judged by my executors. Unto my eldest son, Harmans, £100. Unto my daughter Hendrickee, my great Bible. After the above legacies are paid, the remainder of said proceeds unto my three sons, Isaac, Cornelius, and George, in equal shares; only this, that my youngest son being yet young, the cost of his education is to be paid out of my estate; my executors to be his guardians, to take care of his Person and estate in his non-age, and to put him to some good trade when he is of suitable age. Should either of my three youngest sons die single, before either of them shall particularly receive their shares, then the deceased son's part to go to the other last two youngest sons. Unto my son Isaac, my silver bowl. The provisions for my family's use I have at my decease shall go towards my family's support within one year after my decease. My wife to have the liberty of dwelling in my house until my lands are sold, she being my widow. I make my loving brothers, Jacob and George Remsen, both of Kings County, and my brother-in-law, John Van Norstrandt, of Oysterbay, executors.

Witnesses, John Remsen, of Oysterbay, yeoman, Abraham Remsen, Samuel Willis. Proved, June 27, 1783.

Page 272.—In the name of God, Amen. I, Christopher Blundell, of the City of New York, Gentleman, being sick and weak in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid in some convenient time after my decease by my executors. I give to my executors in trust for my grandson, Christopher Harrison, son of Joseph Harrison, mariner, one certain

paper bond, given by John Martin, deceased, formerly of this city, gunner, and Jeremiah Brown, to me the Testator, and dated the fifth day of May, 1772; conditioned for the payment of £100; with all interest. Unto Mrs. Elizabeth Dimock, sister of my late wife, £20 for mourning. Unto Eleanor Campbell, spinster, £10, in consideration of her care and attention to me. The remainder of my estate, real and personal, unto my children, namely: Mary, wife of said Joseph Harrison, Susannah, wife of Peter Van Brough Livingston, Jr., Esq., Charles Blundell, gentleman, Jane, wife of Thomas Smith, mariner, and Archibald Blundell, in equal shares. The share bequeathed to the said Mary Harrison to be vested in my executors for her sole use. I make Peter Van Brough Livingston, Jr., and Anthony Bolton, cordwainer, executors.

Dated May 26, 1783. Witnesses, James Hunt, of the City of New York, hair-dresser, Isaac Jones, Will Cock. Proved, August 4, 1783.

Page 273.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARICA DEMOTT, of Hempstead, Queens County, being sick and weak in body. I leave to my daughter Mary, wife of Samuel Carman, £100, to be paid by my executors. Unto my granddaughter, Mary Van Devort, £10, payable out of my estate by my executors. The remainder of my estate, after the above legacies and funeral charges be paid. Unto my two sons, John and Jacobus Demott, in equal shares. I make my two said sons and my son-in-law, Samuel Carman, executors.

[NOTE.—The testator's husband, John Demott, also signs, showing his consent to this will.]

Dated August 17, 1780. Witnesses, William Stilwell, Benjamin Pettit, of Hempstead, yeoman, Samuel Stilwell. Proved, July 10, 1783.

Page 275.—Know all men by these Presents, that I, GEORGE YOUNGS, of Cold Spring, in the Township of Huntington, Suffolk County, this thirteenth day of May, 1779, being well in health of body. I leave to my

loving wife Phebe, the use of one half of my house, cellar and barn as she shall choose, while my widow, and of the land that I bought of Gamaliel Conkling, and my meadow land; Also, the mill swamp and my garden. Further unto her, four cows and one horse or mare, my riding chair and all my household goods; an annuity of £60 while my widow, to be paid by my two sons, Israel and Isaac, equally; Also to my wife, £100, to be paid by my three sons equally in three years. They equally to provide sufficient firewood for my wife, cut and brought to the door during her widowhood; she to have sufficient apples and cider yearly and hay for horse and cows. Also unto her, one negro woman as she shall choose. All to be in lieu of dower. Unto my three daughters, Sarah, Mary, and Abigail, in equal shares, two farms: one, with the buildings which I bought of Thomas Valentine; the other, with buildings, which I bought of Tunis Van Cats. Should any die under age and without lawful issue, her part is to fall to the surviving daughters. Should any be unmarried at lawful age, such are to have right to dwell in their mother's house while single. Unto my son Philip, my upper grist mill and fulling mill and press house, and mill dam and pond with their appurtenances; and the swamp above the mill, with all the timber standing on the ground, and the meadow above the upper mill swamp. Also, that piece of land I bought of Gamaliel Conkling to be possessed by him at the marriage or decease of my wife. Likewise unto him, that piece of land I bought of Eponetus Smith; that piece or Right of land I bought of Israel Ketchum; that land I bought of Jeremiah Conkling, it being where my dwelling house and barn now stand; Also, a piece of land I bought of Samuel Townsend, Esq.; and a small piece of land I bought of Richard Jackson at the west end of the upper mill dam. Unto my son Israel that farm of land I bought of Johannis Van Cats, being in the East Woods, with its buildings and appurtenances; Also, £480, payable by

my executors. Unto my son Isaac, the one equal half of all the lower mills, and like part of all the lands bought of Nathaniel Masten, by George Youngs, John Hewlett, Israel Youngs, and Isaac Youngs; together with the one equal half of all the houses, buildings, mills, mill-stones, etc. Unto my three sons, Philip, Israel, and Isaac, all my land and meadow at South; all my plains and lands at Williams' Purchase and Pattent, in equal shares. My executors to sell the remainder of my moveable estate; the proceeds to pay the debts. My two sons, Philip and Isaac, to pay £1,000 to my executors within one year after my decease. I make my friends, William Loyns, Nathaniel Whitson, and my friend, William Conkling, executors.

Witnesses, Townsend Hewlett, of Oysterbay, Isaac Whitman, of Huntington, Ezra Barnum, of Cold Spring, Solomon Ketcham, of Huntington, all yeomen.

Codicil. I, GEORGE YOUNGS, having sold the lands given to my daughters in my last will and testament, in consideration whereof they are to have all the proceeds of said sale.

Dated March 1, 1780. Witnesses, Mary W. Miers, Harmon Lefford, of Oysterbay, farmer, Israel Youngs. Proved, October 14, 1782.

Page 278.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES POILLON, of Richmond County, being in a remarkable state of health. My executors to sell these parts of my real and personal estate: my back pasture (so called), containing 36 acres, bounded east, south and west by Peter Poillon, north by the new road (always reserving in the grant a road through the same to the aforesaid new road); Also, a part of my farm bounded on the west side of my farm to begin at the south-east corner of my orchard as the fence now stands and to run in parallel line with Peter Poillon, formerly Lakarman, to the Beach, or as far as my lands and meadows extend, and include all the lands and meadows south of my orchard, as also 4 acres of timber

land; being part of my new Lands, to be bounded on the north by the land of James Seguin and John Morgan, west by Peter Van Pelt, east by Thomas Taylor, and be equal width each end to make up said quantity, with liberty to pass through my land from the Fresh Kill Road to said premises. They to sell said three tracts at discretion; and all my personal estate, except some particular things herein disposed of. Unto my son John, all my wearing apparel; a horse, bridle and saddle (his choice in such as I leave), my watch, gun, pistols, holsters, and sword; Also, all my lands, meadows and improvements in said County of Richmond (except said three tracts), upon condition that he complys with my will as follows: said lands and meadows to be sold, and of the proceeds my executors to pay all just debts and charges that may occur in settling my estate. The residue to be equally divided between my beloved wife, Frances, and my four daughters, Mary, Judeth, Elizabeth, and Adaontia. The legacy to my wife to be in lieu of dower. Should my son die under age and without lawful issue all my lands given to him are to be sold by my executors, and the proceeds to go to my four daughters in equal shares. I make my trusty friends, Christopher Billopp, Esquire, Richard Seaman, and my brother, John Poillon, executors.

Dated February 6, 1778. Witnesses, Daniel Simonson, tailor, Joseph McDaniel, farmer, Isaac Doty.

Codicil. March 24, 1783. Whereas, I appointed Christopher Billopp, Esquire, Richard Seaman, and my brother, John Poillon, executors of my last will, and as two of them, Esquire Billopp and Seaman, have lately removed to the City of New York, it may not be convenient for them to assist in settling my estate, I make other two executors, namely: John Journeay, and my nephew, James Guion, both of the County of Richmond, executors, to act with the three others.

Witnesses, Henry Perine, Jos. Rickit, Isaac Doty. Proved, July 27, 1783.

Page 281.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ABRAHAM WEEKES, of the Township of Oysterbay, Queens County, being in good health, this eighth day of April, 1779. All my funeral charges and just debts to be first paid out of my estate. My real and personal estate to be sold, except that part hereafter mentioned. I leave to my son Nathaniel, £600 in cash, and my wearing apparel. Unto my daughter Zeporah, £100, and half of my household goods and furniture. Unto my daughter, Martha Keen's three children, £100 and half of my household goods and furniture. Should either die before majority, the surviving to have the shares of them so dying. Unto my granddaughter, Susannah Weeks, £40. Should she die without issue the legacy to be divided among the rest of my surviving heirs; as also the estates of Nathaniel and Zeporah, so dying. Should my estate be insufficient to pay my debts and legacies, then an equal deduction is to be made from the portions of each heir; but from Nathaniel's, six times as much as from my daughters'. Any overplus to be divided equally between Nathaniel, Zeporah and Martha's three children, namely: Martha, Frances and Daniel. I make Richard Powel, Nathan Weekes, and Harmon Lefford, executors.

Witnesses, James Lefford, of Oysterbay, yeoman, John Lefford, Harmon Lefford. Proved, September 20, 1783.

Page 282.—The fourth day of May, 1775. In the name of God, Amen. I, REM RAMSON, of Hempstead, Queens County, yeoman, being in a reasonable good state of bodily health and strength. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to Altia, my dearly beloved wife, my best bed, bedstead, and its complete furniture; one pair of And Irons, and the linen that is in the cupboard; the linen to be divided among my three children when she shall think fit so to do; Also, the use of my sled while my widow. At her death or marriage to go to my two sons, John and An-



thony. Unto my wife and daughter Mary, wife of John Burtis, all my outdoor moveable estate, in equal shares. Unto my three children, John, Anthony and Mary Burtis, all my in-door moveable estate, not herein before given away, in equal shares. Should any die before properly entitled to division, then the shares of them so dying to pass to their children. My wife to have the best room in my dwelling house; my sons, John and Anthony, equally to provide my widow with sufficient food and firewood, and pay her an annuity of £4 each. Unto my well-beloved daughter, Mary Burtis, £100 levied out of my estate by my executors. Unto my two aforesaid sons all my lands and meadows now owned or belonging to me at the time of my death, in equal shares. If they cannot agree to divide the property, then my brother Richard shall divide for them. I make my brother, Richard Ransom, and my sons, John and Anthony Ransom, executors.

Witnesses, James Everit and John Burtis, both yeomen, of Hempstead, and Hendrick Burtis. Proved, August 21, 1783.

Page 285.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ISAAC DENTON, of Hempstead, Queens County, being now sick and weak in body. I leave to my loving wife Charity, £250 out of my moveable estate; one bed and its furniture, her choice of one good cow, all the meat and grain growing or otherwise; all the poultry I have at my decease; all which is in lieu of dower, and not otherwise. Unto my son James, the house and land where he now lives, adjoining to the Mill Pond; Also, a piece of land, about 6 acres, lying at the east end of Israel Smith's land, which I bought from John Denton; Also, 5 acres of timber land, being part of the land which I bought from Edward Spragg (to be taken out of the north side of my timber land adjoining to Doctor Martin, and to extend from one high way to the other); Also, all my wearing apparel. Unto my son Benjamin, that house and land where he now lives, which I bought

from Elijah Cornell. The remainder of my real and personal estate to be sold by my executors; they to pay out of the proceeds of sale unto my three daughters, namely: Nancy, Mary and Charity, £10 apiece. The remainder, after paying my just debts, funeral charges and legacies, to be divided among my three sons, Isaac, James and Benjamin. I make my two sons, Isaac and Benjamin Denton, executors.

Dated July 18, 1783. Witnesses, Richard Beadle, of Hempstead (yeoman), Abraham Bloom, S. Clowes. Proved, August 22, 1783.

Page 286.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS WILLETT, of Flushing, Queens County, being sick, but of sound mind and memory. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid as soon as conveniently may be. I give my houses and lands in Flushing, and all my real estate to my three sisters, Eleanor Rodman, Susanna Cornell, and Mary Willett, in equal shares. Also, to them, each one third share of all my horses, cows, and stock of every kind, farming utensils and personal estate of every kind. My brother Edward to live with his sisters and have his maintenance with them as long as he shall have an adequate care of them, and of the labour and management of the farm. I make my sisters, Eleanor Rodman, Susannah Cornell and Mary Willett, executrices.

Dated September 7, 1782. Witnesses, David Colden, Esq., Thomas Willett, Amon Fowler. Proved, October 9, 1782.

Page 288.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN BARRY, mariner, belonging formerly to His Majesty's Ship of war *Warwick*, being of sound mind and memory. All my just debts to be paid. I leave all my estate unto my friend, Sylvester Harrington, of the City of New York, inn-keeper, whom I make executor.

Dated November 27, 1781. Witnesses, Jeffry Keating, Lewis O'Bryan and John Cornell, of Staten Island, Richmond County, trader. Proved, October 27, 1783.

Page 289.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS IREDELL (or TREDELL), now of the City of New York, mariner, but lately belonging to the privateer *Tryumk*, John Pindir, commander; being of sound mind and memory. After all my just debts be paid, I leave all my real and personal estate unto my beloved brother, Abraham Iredell (or Tredell), a Lieut. of the Corps of Pioneers belonging to His Majesty's Service; whom I make executor.

Dated July 5, 1781, and in the 21st year of His Majesty's reign.

Witnesses, John Kelly, of the City of New York, Esq., William H. Shackerly, Mark Griffiths. Proved, November 17, 1783.

Memorandum. The above executor qualified on the same day.

END OF LIBER 35.

LIBER 36.

Page 1.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DANIEL HULL WICKHAM, being of sound mind and memory. After my just debts be paid, I order that the farm at Warwick, which I bought of Benedick, to be sold, and the place that I bought of Henry Jackson in company to my brother Thomas, to be sold. Likewise the Indigo now in the hands of William Wickham, Esq., about 436 pounds; Also, my riding horse. I leave to my sister Abigail, £100 in silver or gold; unto my brother Parker, £50; unto my sisters, Sarah and Elizabeth, each £25; unto my sister Jerusha, £100. Unto my brother Thomas, all my wearing apparel; Also, my watch, gold sleeve buttons and brooch and my silver shoe and knee buckles. Unto my executors, £50 each, for their trouble. The remainder of my estate unto my two brothers, Thomas and John, and to the heirs of my deceased brother Joseph. I make my brother John, Benjamin Pain, son of my sister Abigail, and friend John Sickles, executors. Unto my brother Thomas, my negro man Cyrus, for my boarding with him several years, for which I have not made him satisfaction.

Dated December 6, 1780. Witnesses, Samuel Denton, of the Precinct of Goshen, hatter; Thomas Swafford, Thomas Wickham. Proved, November 4, 1782, at Goshen in Orange County.

[NOTE.—In the probate of this will the phrase, “The People of the State of New York, by the grace of God, free and independent” is first used. Approved by the Court of Probates at Rumbout, County of Dutchess, March 11, 1783. James Everett was Surrogate; Thomas Tredwell, Esq., Judge, Court of Probates, at Rumbout, County of Dutchess.]

Page 2.—A memorandum of the directions given by Jacob Dunning, deceased, relative to his estate, real and personal, given by him in extremis and committed to writing within three days after his decease; sworn to by three substantial witnesses. His personal estate and a field of land on the west side of the Wall Kill in Ulster County to be sold to pay just debts and funeral charges. One horse to be retained for the use of his wife. The farm where he lived to be equally divided between his two sons; they paying such legacies to his two daughters as the executors shall judge reasonable. The proceeds of sale to go to wife at the discretion of the executors, and after that was paid, ordered that she should be made equal to his daughters. He nominated his wife Keturah, his brother John Dunning and William Holly, executors.

Proved, December 2, 1782. Witnesses, Caleb Smith, yeoman; Abigail, his wife, and Lois, wife of Jabez Noble; all of Goshen Precinct, County of Orange. Will pronounced by testator, on July 27, 1781.

THOS. TREDWELL,
Judge of Probate.

Page 3.—In the name of God, Amen. I, FRANCIS ARMSTRONG, of Orange County, being weak in body. Having given to my sons, Francis and James, their part of my lands, I leave to my son David, all the lands, improvements, and farming utensils upon condition that he pay the following legacies: Unto my three sons, William, Archibald, and John, each £40, to my deceased son Robert's six children, £40, equally divided and put to use at the discretion of my executors, and paid at lawful age respectively. Unto my well beloved wife Martha, £20, agreeable to a contract made between her and me before marriage. Unto my son David's son, Francis, £20. Unto my son William's son, Robert, £5. All legacies to be paid in gold or silver at the rate of eight shillings for a Spanish milled dollar; and £3, 4s. for a half Johannes weigh-

ing 9 pennyweight, or an equivalent which shall be accepted by the legatees. If my son David does not within one year pay the several legacies, then my executors at discretion are to sell sufficient lands to pay the same. Unto my wife Martha, out of my moveable estate, one cow. Unto my son William my great chair. Unto my son Francis, my great Bible. My wearing apparel to go at the discretion of my executors. The remainder of my estate (except the grain on the ground), the hay and all the provisions that may be in store, and my fast estate, unto my three daughters, Elcey, Mary, and Elizabeth, in equal shares. I make my trusty and well beloved sons, William and Francis, executors.

Dated September 1, 1781. Witnesses, Thomas Jackson, Samuel Newman, William Carr, of the Precinct of Goshen, yeoman. Proved, February 25, 1783.

Page 5.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES SMITH, of the Precinct of Goshen, being sick and weak of body. I leave to my loving wife Ruth, £100, over and above every article she brought to me at marriage; said sum and all the cattle and household furniture to be her dower of my estate. Should my wife be delivered of a living boy child, he is to have all the remainder of my estate not otherwise disposed of, excepting £30; should it be a daughter, she is to have the said remainder excepting £50. Unto my niece, Sarah Bradner, £30, if my child be a son; if a daughter, £50. For the better care of my said child my wife is to have the custody of it until six years of age, she to have out of said child's portion, £8 for the first year and £4 every other year. For my child's better education, the tuition and custody then to pass to my executors in such manner as they shall think proper, while unmarried, if a boy, under twenty-one; if a girl, eighteen, or marriage. My wife and niece, Sarah Bradner, to have their legacies within a year after my decease. If my child die under age and without issue,

my said niece to have the further sum of £40. Unto my wife's son, Daniel Carpenter, £50. Unto my nephews, Asa, Richard, and John Smith, sons of John Smith, each £50. Unto my nephew William, son of John Smith, £60. Unto my nephews, Jonathan and Enus, sons of my brother, William Smith, £50 each. Unto my nephews, George and William, sons of my brother, Joshua Smith, deceased, £100 and £50 respectively. My executors to pay my just debts, funeral charges and legacies in some convenient time after my decease. The remainder of my estate unto my said nephews, Asa, Richard, John, and William, equally between them. I make my nephew, John Smith, and Samuel Gale, of Galesborough, executors.

Dated December 6, 1782. Witnesses, John Smith, of Goshen Precinct, cooper; John Smith, junior; Caleb Smith, of said precinct, weaver. Proved, January 20, 1783.

Page 7.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DANIEL HEVENER, of Rhinebeck Precinct, Dutchess County, being weak of body. My just debts to be paid out of my moveable estate. I leave all my real and personal estate to my beloved wife Eve, and my three children, Susana, Rodia, and Elizabeth, in equal shares; to be sold or kept, at the discretion of my executors, for their good. I make my beloved wife Eve, my father-in-law, Hendrick Shrop, and my beloved friend, Loda-week Elsefer, executors.

Dated December 15, 1782. Witnesses, Peter Shop, of Rhinebeck Precinct, trader; Valantine Trumpport, Ananias Cooper. Proved, March 28, 1783.

Page 8.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES JOHNSON, a soldier in Colonel Philip Van Cortlandt's, belonging to the State of New York, being exceeding weak and in ill health. I leave all my real and personal estate in possession or reversion or remainder,

to Jacobus Freer, of Poughkeepsie, farmer, whom I make executor.

Dated April 23, 1782. Witnesses, William Hyer; William Wilsey, of Dutchess County, yeoman; Barent Frear. Proved, November 19, 1782.

Page 9.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WERNER DEYGERT, of Canajoharie District, Tryon County, being in bodily health. If my true and lawful wife Lana should survive me, she is to have full possession of all my estate for life. At her decease to go as follows: Unto my eldest son, Han Yost Deygert, ten shillings in right of primogeniture; Also, the two lots of land commonly known as Lots No. 5 and 18, situate on the Fall Hill; together with two horses and a mare. Should he die without lawful issue, then the said lands are to remain in the possession of his wife, Marilla Deygert, while his widow. On her marrying again, the lands to go to my second son, Zepherenus, on consideration that he pay to each of his own sisters, £40. If my eldest son have lawful issue, then the lands are to go to his heirs. Unto my said son Zepherenus, two lots of land; one on which I now live, known as Lot No. 8; and Lot No. 9; situate on the Fall Hill; together with two horses and a mare. Should he die without lawful issue, then the said lands are to be equally divided among the rest of my children. Unto my daughters, Mary, Catharine, Anna, Elizabeth, Lana, and Mary Catharine, 600 acres of land lying in Burnett's field district, known as the New Patent. After the decease of me and my wife, the house where I now live, together with all the stock on the farm (except what is herein given away), all lands, monies, debts and other dues to be equally divided. My two daughters, Lana and Mary Catharine, at the time of their marriage, to have the like portion of goods as their other sisters had at marriage, before the goods are divided. I make my true and trusty friends, Nicholas Herckheimer, Peter Deygert, and George Henry Bell, executors.

Dated June 16, 1777. Witnesses, George Hendrick Bell; Nicholas Bell, of Fall Hill, farmer; Isaac Johnson. Proved, April 6, 1782.

Page 11.—In the name of God, Amen. I, AUGUSTINES HESS, yeoman, of Burnatsfield, Tryon County, being in perfect health of body. I leave to my eldest son, John, for his birthright, all my blacksmith's tools. Unto my dearly beloved wife Anna, for life or widowhood, the possession of my lot of lowland No. 31 for her support, if my sons, Fridrich and Conrath, should refuse to maintain her with every necessary thing. I appoint my said two sons to maintain my son Nicholas during his life, and my daughter Eva, while unable to maintain themselves in food, clothes, and lodging. If they refuse so to do, my executors are to provide the same and charge the same against my two sons; they also, are to pay my daughter Eva, £60, at her marriage. Unto my said two sons, my lot of land No. 31, where I now live; likewise my whole share of my grandfather lillos land of Lot No. 29; Also, the whole lot of woodland No. 31 which joins on my lowland; my lot No. 20 in the fire busch, all to be divided into equal shares. Unto my other six sons, namely: John, George, Augustines, Christian, Jost, and Daniel, the lot of woodland Nos. 12, 54, 67 and 100, all in southernmost tract, No. 7 in middle tract; to be divided equally. Unto my sons, Conrath, Jost, and Daniel, each a horse and a cow. Unto my daughter Anna, a cow and a feather bed, and £60 to be provided by my two sons, Frederick and Conrath. The remainder of my moveable estate to be equally divided between all my children, John, Frederick, George, Augustines, Nicholas, Christian, Conrath, Daniel, Jost, Elizabeth, Catharine, Anna, and Eva. The wagons, plows, harrows, and chaise to go to my sons, Frederick, Conrath, and Daniel. I make my sons, John, Augustines, Christian, and Frederick, executors.

Dated May 29, 1779. Witnesses, Christian Schell,

Frederick Fox, Nickel Staring. Proved, February 25, 1783.

Page 13.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS NEWKIROK, of Fishkill, Dutchess County, being weak in body, this thirteenth day of November, 1763. I leave to my dear and loving wife Maria, for life, all my estate. Unto my four sisters, co-heirs of my estate, £20 each, out of my estate after my wife's decease, because they shall make no further claim, namely: Annatie Cutler, Janitie Van Etten, Engettie Rickman, and Cornelia Van Kuren. Unto my loving nephew, Abraham Heeremanse, son of John Heeremanse, £100 out of my moveable estate, payable after the decease of my wife. As there is a legacy left me by my uncle, Hendrick Kip, to be received after the decease of my aunt Jacominte, wife of Capt. Peter Duboyce, it is to go to my dear wife Maria; as also the remainder of my worldly estate. I make Mr. William Humfrey, Nathaniel Sackett, John Cooper, and my loving wife Maria, executors.

Witnesses, Abraham Heermans, Simon Ter Bush, Isaac Ter Bush. Proved, February 1, 1764. Approved, April 25, 1783, by the Court of Probates.

Page 15.—In the name of Almighty God, Amen. This twentieth day of September, 1782. I, DARIUS CANFIELD, of Salem, West Chester County, being under weakness and infirmity of body. All my just and righteous debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors out of my moveable estate; they to take sufficient moveables to purchase a decent pair of grave stones for myself, and a pair for my son David, deceased, another for my daughter, Thankfull Keeler, deceased, and that they be set up at my and other graves. Also, a like pair for my loving wife Mary at her decease. I leave to her, my real and personal estate after debts and charges are paid, for her sole use while my widow. Should there be insufficient

moveable estate for her comfort, she is to sell sufficient real estate to provide therefor. If she marries again she shall not sell any real estate given to her during her coverture; said suspension shall always revert to her as soon as she again becomes a widow. Whereas, I have sundry charges and demands upon the person commonly called James Canfield, if he will discharge a certain obligation that Benjamin Clapp has against me (which bond was given to said Clapp on account of said James), then I hereby discharge said James from all demands I have against him. I make my loving wife Mary and my trusty friend, Benjamin Smith, of Ridgefield, in Connecticut, executors.

Witnesses, Nathan Olmsted, John Chapman, and James Olmsted, of Salem. Proved, April 18, 1783.

Page 17.—In the name of God, Amen. I, TIMOTHY TITUS, of New Perth, Charlotte County, being in health of body. All my debts to be paid. I leave to my beloved sons, James, Timothy, Robert, Samuel, and Ebenezer Titus, my real and personal estate in five equal shares; except the feather beds and three pewter platters for my daughters, and £5 to be paid to my daughter Lizzy, and Sarah £5 also, payable when at age. When my sons shall come at age each to receive his legacy from my executors. I make William Read, and Edward Savage, executors.

Dated October 28, 1782. Witnesses, William Teller, junior, William Teller, and Ahasuerus Teller, of the County of Albany. Proved, April 12, 1783.

Page 18.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES MOOR, of Great White Creek, in the State of New York, being weak in body. I leave to my beloved wife Margaret, one third of my real and personal estate while my widow. After her marriage or death, the one third of it to go to her son, Thomas Harvy, and the remaining part of her one third to my son, David Moor. Likewise unto him, one third of my real and personal

estate; unto my son James, a like part; unto my son Hugh, £5 or a cow; the same unto my daughter Jane. Unto my daughter Isbell, her maintenance out of my estate as follows: she may live with my wife or son, and they shall find her meat and drink and clothing out of my estate. The above one third part to her of what remains after paying debts and legacies. Unto my son David, my gun, which is not to be accounted as part of my estate. Unto my daughter, Christain Harvy, a red heifer two years old against next Spring. Unto my wife Margaret, all the estate that is to be found of what she brought to me at marriage. Unto my granddaughter, Nancy Moor, daughter of my son Hugh, one heifer calf. Unto my wife Margaret, one of the fat hogs that is now up a fattening; 30 lbs. flax; 15 lbs. wool; 4 lbs. cotton; 30 bushels corn, at 3 shillings per bushel; 10 bushels rye, at same price; when her part is appraised she is to have the grain at the above price. I make my wife, Margaret Moor, and my son, James Moor, executors.

Dated November 3, 1782. Witnesses, John Williams; John Connor, John McMullin, farmer, and Hugh Martin.

Codicil. The third day of November, 1782. I order my real and personal estate to be sold; the proceeds to be disposed of according as I have bequeathed it; and empower John McMullin, as guardian over my daughter Isabell, to take care of her, or to see it done by the legatees, and to take sufficient security from them for her maintenance.

Witnesses, John Williams, John Conner, John McMullin, farmer; Hugh Martin. Proved, April 10, 1783.

Page 20.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB BARTHOLF, of the precinct of Goshen, being weak in body. I leave to my well beloved wife, the house in which I live, and household furniture, for life; Also, all my negroes, except my wench Suckey. Unto my son Peter, my farm near Sugar Loaf, on which my son

Henry now lives; Also, my large Dutch Bible. Unto my son Henry, 60 acres of the farm where I now live; to be taken off an equal width across the western part of said farm adjoining the lands of Daniel Demerest; Also, all my blacksmith's tools. Unto my other two sons, Criness and Gulium, the house and the remainder of the said farm, in equal shares, always excepting the estate my wife has in the premises. Unto my granddaughter, Rachel Van Gelder, £60, payable in silver at the rate of 8 shillings a Spanish milled dollar, at her marriage, or at age of twenty years. Unto my daughter Matinechee, 75 Spanish milled dollars, at her marriage. All my outstanding debts and household furniture to be equally divided: one half to my said daughter; the other half to my executors for the separate use and maintenance of my daughter Hannah, wife of Jacobus Lereau, and after her death to be equally divided between her children. My wife to have the use of the furniture. Unto my daughter Hannah, the use of my negro wench Suckey, to be delivered to her as soon as my wife may think proper. After her decease, the said Suckey to be sold, and the proceeds divided among my children. Likewise unto her, my loom, with the reels, gears and appurtenances, to be delivered as above. The remainder of my personal estate to my two younger sons in equal shares, they paying 50 Spanish milled dollars to my son Peter, and the like number to my son Henry. I make my sons, Peter and Henry, executors.

Dated August 3, 1781. Witnesses, William Wickham, Samuel Bertholf, Stephen Bertholf. Proved, May 6, 1783.

Page 21.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN WELLS, of the County of Orange, being weak in body. I leave to my son Israel, all that tract of land bought of Henry Wisner, Esquire; joining to where he now lives; Also, another tract of land in said County, joining the Jersey line, containing 390 acres; likewise, a lot in

Pohuck Cedar Swamp; Also, the one equal half of 500 acres near the town of Battleburrow, and supposed to be about twelve miles from the Connecticut River, and in the Province of New York. Unto my son Joshua, my farm where he now lives, with allowing my wife after my decease the small room, which has the fire place in it, for her use during life, and likewise to find her in sufficient firewood and provisions; Also, another farm containing 550 acres, lying on Shongum Kill near Minnesink Mountain. Unto my well-beloved wife Abigail, £100. All my household goods to my wife and two daughters, Abigail and Mary, excepting one bed and its furniture; the choice of the beds and furniture unto my daughter Mary. Unto my daughter Abigail's eldest son, David, a certain mortgage of 108 acres, taken from David Swese, Jr. If he dies before majority, or has lawful issue, then it is to be divided among the rest of her children. The interest during David's minority unto my daughter Abigail; also £50 at my decease. Unto my daughter Mary, £150, to be retained by my executors until she has a lawful issue. Likewise, unto her, £70, payable at my decease. Unto my brother Samuel's son, Richard Wells, one equal half of said 500 acres lying near Battleburrow and £100 payable at my decease. My stock, farming utensils and negro wench to be equally shared by my four children after my son Israel has taken out the value of £50 given him more. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid before any division be made. I make my sons, Israel Wells and Joshua Wells, with Henry Wisner, junior, son of Henry Wisner, executors.

Dated May 30, 1776. Witnesses, John Van Tuyl, Jacob Cussorn, Arthur Van Tuyl. Proved, May 5, 1783.

Page 23.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS EVERSON, yeoman, of Cornwall precinct, Orange County, being in a poor state of health, the second day

of January, 1781. I order my personal estate to be applied to the payment of my just debts and funeral charges. I leave to my beloved son Thomas, my farm and premises whereon I now live, to be holden by him and his heirs provided always that if my executors judge it expedient for my estate in general to sell that part I lately bought of Stephen Gilbert, containing 30 acres; the proceeds to pay my debts. My executors to lease out my aforesaid farm from time to time until my son Thomas is twenty-one; they to apply the rent towards supporting my family. Unto my beloved wife Rhoda, a decent maintenance out of my real estate, while my widow. Unto each of my four daughters, a moderate outset, at the discretion of their mother, payable as they are respectively eighteen years of age; to be charged upon my real estate if not to be procured otherwise. I make my brother-in-law, David Corwin, of Ulster County, and my friend, Thomas Moffat, of Orange County, executors.

Witnesses, John W. Tuthill, yeoman; Joshua Davis, Thomas Moffat. Proved, January 29, 1783.

Page 25.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JEREMIAH SMITH, of the County of Orange, being weak in body. I leave to my beloved wife Elizabeth, £100, one cow and one hog at her choice, her bed and furniture as it stands; four suits of bed linen; Also her choice of any room in my dwelling house, and the use of one third of my improved lands, during her widowhood. Unto my son Jeremiah, all my lands, farming utensils, all the grain on the ground and in the barn (except his mother's bread for one year), and my wearing apparel. Unto my grandson, Jonas Smith, my gun and £30; unto my grandson, Joel Smith, £30. Unto my two granddaughters, Dorothy and Elizabeth Veal, £30 each. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. The remainder to my daughter, Elizabeth Veal. The grandchildren's legacies to be put at interest; principal and interest payable when they are of age, or

marry, by my son Jeremiah, and my son-in-law, Wait Carpenter, whom I make executors.

Dated August 1, 1776. Witnesses, Archibald McCurdy, Phebe Denn, and William Denn, of Ulster County, schoolmaster. Proved, April 19, 1783.

Page 26.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANTHONY YELVERTON, gentleman, of Goshen, Orange County, being in perfect health of body. I leave all my real and personal estate to my three daughters, Mary, Hannah, and Phebe, in equal shares, payable as they are 21 or at marriage. For the better education of my children their tuition and custody to be with their grandfather, Abimael Youngs, while unmarried and under twenty-one. My executors, with all convenient speed, to settle the affairs relative to the estate of my father, John Yelverton, late deceased; to which I am sole executor. I make my father-in-law, Abimael Youngs, my eldest daughter, Mary, and my worthy friends, John Everett and Birdsey Youngs, executors.

Dated August 15, 1774. Witnesses, Balthazar De Hart, Esquire; Isaac Nicoll, Joseph Chilson. Proved, May 9, 1783.

Page 27.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANTHONY VAN SCHAICK, of the Island Cahoes in the Manor of Rensselaerwyck, Albany County, State of New York, being of sound mind and memory. All my just debts to be paid by my executors. I leave to my dearly beloved wife Christina, all my real and personal estate during her widowhood. After her second marriage or death, all my estate shall descend to my only and beloved daughter Anna, now wife of John G. Van Schaick, except my farm lying on Isle Cahoes, or Van Schaick's Island, where I now live; together with Haven Island, and the island called The Platte Plate, said islands being in said Manor. These islands, after the decease of my daughter Anna, to go to my grandson Anthony, the second son of my daughter Anna. I

make my wife Christina, together with my trusty and loving son-in-law, John G. Van Schaick, executors; praying all Courts, equitable, civil and common, to judge this will to be lawful.

Dated August 18, 1781. Witnesses, John Van Vleck, of Charlotte precinct, Dutchess County, blacksmith; Samuel Van Vleck, and Abraham K. Van Vleck. Proved, April 3, 1782.

Page 29.—In the name of God, Amen. The ninth day of October, 1782. I, BARNABAS HORTON, yeoman, of Goshen, Orange County, being infirm in body. I leave to my dearly beloved wife Mary, all my bed and bedclothes, 25 shillings yearly to be paid by my son Silas, during her life; the east room in the house I now dwell in, the free use of any other part for herself; a good comfortable maintenance, with food, drink, candlelight, clothing and fire during her life; the privilege of keeping a pig from Spring to Fall, and the use of a cow; all which is to be performed by my son Silas. Unto my sons, Barnabas, £75, and Matthew, £25, after the death of myself and wife; payable by my son Silas. Unto my daughter Mary, my bed and furniture, my wife's wearing apparel, and my double spring lock chest, after both our deaths. Unto my son Silas, all my lands, tenements, household goods, stock, horses, and everything except my great Bible (which is for his son Barnabas), and what is before excepted. I make my sons, Barnabas and Silas, executors.

Witnesses, Jonathan Swezy, Eusebues Austin, of Goshen precinct, physician; John Taylor. Proved, December 9, 1782.

Page 31.—In the name of God, Amen. The twenty-first day of March, 1771. I, JOHANNIS DUTCHER, yeoman, of the Manor of Philipsburgh, Westchester County, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my beloved Richal, all the moveables and household goods and

cash which she brought to me at our marriage, and what came in after which did belong to her; also, my riding chair and chair horse or mare. Unto my two granddaughters, Mary Ecker, wife of Isaac Ecker, and Leajah, wife of Johannis Boys, £25 each, payable within six months after my decease; Also, all my household goods, except one bed and bedding, a warming pan and a brass kettle. The warming pan unto my granddaughter, Minow Dutcher, daughter of William Dutcher. Unto my grandson John, son of William Dutcher, my brass kettle. Unto my well-beloved wife, while my widow, one bed and the furniture above excepted. Unto my grandson John, son of John Dutcher, deceased, £160 when twenty-one, besides a £40 now upon interest. Unto my wife Rachel, my negro wench Bet, during her life; after my wife's decease, then unto my granddaughters, Mary and Leajea. Unto my well-beloved son William, my improvements with the consent of the landlord, all my negroes excepting Bet, and my horses except my wife's chair horse. The rest of my chattels and "Schere" and farmer's utensils unto my son William. My wife to share my improvements with him; to keep one room to her use where I now live, while my widow. My son William to keep two cows and the chair horse, and a sufficient support of all other necessities for my widow. I make my son William, and my well-beloved friend, William Davids, executors.

Witnesses, Abraham A. Ecker, Stephen Ecker, and John Jewel, of the County of Dutchess, yeoman. Proved January 6, 1783.

Page 33.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARGARET SCHUYLER, widow of Coll^o Philip Schuyler, late of The Flatts, County of Albany, deceased; being in good health of body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. I leave all my real and personal estate, or otherwise, unto Geertruy, wife of Doctor John Cochran, Philip Schuyler, Stephen I. Schuyler,

to the children of Cortlandt Schuyler, deceased, Henry Cuyler, Philip Cuyler, Cornelius Cuyler, Abraham C. Cuyler, Elizabeth Van Courtlandt, widow of James Van Courtlandt, deceased, and Margaret Low, wife of Isaac Low, a tenth part to each legatee or the children of such legatees as are now deceased. I make Philip Cuyler and Stephen I. Schuyler, executors.

Dated February 21, 1782. Witnesses, Mynd Roseboorn; and John A. Wendell, Mat Visscher, Esq., both of the City of Albany. Proved, January 26, 1783.

Page 34.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL ELWELL, of South East precinct of Dutchess County, being in a languishing state of body, this thirty-first day of March, 1778. My just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executors out of my estate after my decease. I leave to my wife, one third of my moveables, and the improvement of one third of my real estate during life. Unto the heirs of my son Samuel, deceased, five shillings; a like sum unto my son Jabez; the heirs of my daughter Mary, deceased; the heirs of my daughter Ester; unto the heirs of my daughter Sarah, deceased; unto my daughters, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Grissel, and Deborah. Considering that my son Isaac has lived with me a number of years and supported me and my wife, his mother, under great infirmity of body, unto him all the remainder of my real and personal estate. I make the said Isaac Elwell, sole executor.

Witnesses, Thomas Ragon, of said precinct, tailor; Mary Chapman, Moss Kent. Proved, February 14, 1783.

Page 36.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SUSANNAH GUE, of the Manor of Cortlandt, Westchester County, being in perfect health. My just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my son David, £4. Unto my granddaughter Jane, daughter of my eldest son, Daniel, deceased, five shillings. Unto my daugh-

ter, Mary Griffin, wife of Joseph Griffin, the remainder of my estate. I make Michael McKeel, of said Manor, and David Stanley, of Rike's patent, executors.

Dated June 11, 1772. Witnesses, Anne Merritt, Naomy White, of Westchester County, widow, Quakeress; Nathaniel Merritt. Proved, April 6, 1776. Approved, by Court of Probates, in Dutchess County, February 27, 1783.

Page 37.—In the name of God, Amen. I, RODOLPHUS SWARTWOUT, of Rumbouts precinct, Dutchess County, being weak in body. All my lawful and just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors out of my estate. I leave to my beloved wife Sarah, £25, payable at the selling or division of my estate. Unto my eldest son, Jacobus, £65, for his birthright; unto my youngest son, Johannes, £25; to be paid my sons at said sale or division, if my sons be married or arrived at age of twenty-one. At the discretion of my executors, my real and personal estate to be sold or disposed of, or to be kept if unsold until my youngest son, Johannes, is of age, as may be best for my wife and children. At his majority, if not before, to be equally divided, after legacies are paid, amongst my wife and children, namely: Jacobus, Johannes, my daughters, Aeltie, wife of Cornelius Adriance, Elizabeth, wife of Francis Hasbrook, and Killetie, wife of Theodorus Adriance, or sold to the best advantage; the net proceeds to be divided as above. Should my wife marry, the above legacy of £25, as also her share of my estate, bequeathed as above, to be void, and said money and share to go to my children. But she shall be paid £100 in lieu of dower, and my best bed and its furniture, large looking glass, four silver table spoons, and six silver tea spoons. I make my beloved brother, Jacobus Swartwout, my beloved and trusty friends, Abraham Schenck, George Van Nostrand, and Thomas Burris, executors.

Dated March 10, 1777. Witnesses, Joseph Wood;

Hendrick Wyckoff, Esquire, of Rumbouts Precinct;
Hannah Pudney. Proved, February 10, 1783.

Page 39.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS VIELEE, of the Town of Kingston, Ulster County, being infirm, sick and weak of body, this seventh day of March, 1782. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors at some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my dearly and well beloved wife Elizabeth, the full use and income of my dwelling house and garden, and all buildings thereon, situate in the Town of Kingston, where I now live, for life; Also, my negro wench named Jin to serve my wife during her lifetime. Unto my eldest son, Petrus, one bedstead, covering, and its furniture, for his birth-right; Also, an annuity of £12, to be paid by my children, each a sixth part. Unto my eldest daughter, Christina, one large looking glass now hanging in my dwelling house. Unto my son Cornelius, one young bay mare; Also, my shoemaker's tools. Unto my son Johannis, my seat in the Dutch Church in the town. Unto my daughter Annatje, wife of Petrus Van Wagenen, one milch cow, and so much household furniture as I have given to my daughter Christina, to be purchased by my executors. Unto my daughter Marritje, a like quantity of furniture gotten in the same manner. Unto my two sons, Johannis and Cornelius, all my farmer's utensils, in equal shares. Unto my two last named sons and four daughters, namely: Christina, wife of Tjerck Van Vliet, Annatje, wife of Petrus Van Wagenen, Elezebeth, wife of Abraham Vosburgh, and Marritje, my lands and tenements lying in said town, except the dwelling house during my wife's lifetime, to be divided equally among them. The remainder of my estate unto my two sons and four daughters in equal shares. Should my wife Elizabeth be unable to support herself then my six children shall contribute equally to her maintenance. After her death, my house and lot to go to my six children in equal shares;

“subject to devolve to the longest liver or survivor of such as shall die without lawful issue.” I make my two sons, Johannis and Cornelius, and my son-in-law, Abraham Vosburgh, executors.

(Signed) “CORNELIS VIELE.”

Witnesses, David De Lametter, Jr., farmer, and John Van Steenbergh, silver-smith, both of Kingston; Christian Tappen. Proved, March 19, 1783.

Page 41.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS NEWKERCK, Jr., of the Township of Rochester, Ulster County, being of sound mind and perfect mind and memory. I leave to my sons, Gerrit, Jacob, Matthew, Benjamin, and Isaac, my negro Dick (he to have the liberty to choose his master), and my negro boys, George and Herry, to be shared equally between them. Likewise unto them, all my farming utensils in like manner. Unto my sons, Matthew, Benjamin, and Isaac, one horse as near in value as may be, to the horses my sons, Gerrit and Jacob, had from me. Unto my said five sons, the remainder of my horses in equal shares. Unto my daughters, Margrieth, Jannetje, and Jacobmyntje, £50 apiece in gold or silver; and to each of them the one fourth part of my negro wench Susannah. Unto my four grandchildren, children of my daughter Cathrine, late wife of John E. De Witt, to wit: Neeltje, Margrieth, Maria, and Lea De Witt, £50, gold or silver and one fourth share in said negro; to be equally divided between them. The remainder of my personal estate unto my said children and grandchildren; each child, one ninth; each grandchild, an equal share of the remaining ninth. Unto my son Jacob, that tract of land whereon he now lives, or had lived, in the said Township, with all the buildings and appurtenances, which land was heretofore sold to me by my son Gerret, provided my son or his heirs pay to my executors £40 within six months after my decease. Unto my sons, Matthew, Benjamin, and Isaac, each the third part of the remainder of my lands in said Town-

ship granted to me by the Trustees of Rochester; Also, the tract of land where I now dwell at New Canaan, in the Township of Rochester, with the buildings, etc., which was sold to me by Cornelius Bogert. My executors are to act for the children of my daughter Catharine until they are twenty-one. I make my sons, Gerret, Matthew, and Benjamin, and Andries De Witt, executors.

Dated December 12, 1781. Witnesses, John Brodhead, and Peter Contine, of said Township, farmers; Andries De Witt. Proved, February 14, 1783.

Page 44.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES CRAWFORD, of the precinct of the Wall Kill, Ulster County, cooper, being of sound and disposing mind and memory. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors. I leave to Elizabeth, my dear and loving wife, the house in which I now live; with her bed and bedding; likewise, the cupboard and house furniture; a good riding horse and her riding furniture, her riding chair, her apparel and cloathes, with the half of the benefit of the farm on which I now live, during her life; likewise, two cows with their increase, to be kept on the farm for her use; likewise, unto her, the negro wench named Rachel, which I allow to her entirely; six good sheep, to be kept on the farm, besides the one half of the other stock. All to her free disposal except the land at her death. Unto brother Thompson, my best suit of cloathes; unto my brother Samuel's son James, who lives with me, the other half of said farm or plantation. At my wife's decease, the aforesaid James Crawford to have the whole of the farm and its appurtenances, provided always that if he dies without lawful issue, then the farm is to be equally divided at his decease among the legatees hereafter mentioned. The tract of land containing 350 acres at Poconosink, with another small lot lying a little distance from the aforesaid, containing about 17 acres; with another lot lying back of the hill

called Long Hill, 279 acres; all being included in one deed, are to be sold to the best advantage; and likewise, my negroes (the one above excepted); Also the remainder of the moveables, not above mentioned; the proceeds of both sales remaining after payment of all lawful debts, are to be equally divided among the children of my brother David, of my brother Samuel, and of my brother Joseph, that are now living, except James aforementioned, who is not to have any share with them. He to live with his aunt, my wife. The old negroes Robert and Hannah because they are husband and wife should not be sold separate, nor divided against their will. I make my two brothers, David and Joseph Crawford, executors, and trustees for my wife.

Dated January 8, 1777. Witnesses, John McGown, Samuel Bodel; and Samuel Moffat, of Orange County, weaver. Proved, February 10, 1783.

Page 45.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIZABETH RICHARD, widow and relict of John Richard, of the City of New York, merchant. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executors. I leave to my brother, Killan Van Rensselaer, the woodland lying on the east side of Hudson's River along the Kinderhook road, as I am entitled to by will of my father, Hendrick Van Rensselaer, deceased. Unto my nephew, Stephen Ray, a lot of ground with such buildings as may be erected thereon, in the City of New York, in the Broad way, near where the Oswegs Market formerly stood. All my real estate in the Province of New York or elsewhere, not before devised, unto my brothers, John, Henry, and Killan Van Rensselaer, my sister, Lena Wendell, to the children of my deceased sister, Annatie Douw, and of my deceased sister, Catharine Ten Broeck, and of my deceased sister, Maria Ten Broeck, in seven equal shares. Unto my sister Lena and her daughter, Mary Wendell, all my wearing apparel and one half of all the linen belonging to my body; Also, £60, payable by my brother Henry in con-

sideration of the above devise to him, and the acquittance which I hereafter make to him of the demands I have against him. Unto Mary Van Rensselaer, daughter of my brother Killan, the remaining one half of the linen above mentioned; Also, my cupboard and all the cups thereon standing; Also, £25. Whatever debts or demands I have against my brothers, Henry and Killian, I acquit them from the payment. Of the remainder of my apparel; one seventh part to my sister Lena, and one seventh to each of the daughters of my brothers and remaining sisters. One seventh part of the remainder of my personal estate severally unto John, Henry, and Killian Van Rensselaer, Lena Wendell, the children of Maria Ten Broeck and of Catharine Ten Broeck, and of Annatie Douw. I make my brothers, John, Henry, and Killian Van Rensselaer, executors.

Dated December 16, 1776. Witnesses Guysber G. Marselis; Harmanus Ten Eyck, of Albany, skipper; Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Paymaster of the Third New York Regiment, of the County of Albany. Proved, April 23, 1779.

Page 48.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN VAN RENSSELAER, Esquire, of Green Bush, Albany County, being weak in body. All that part of my lands at Claverack; parcel of the lands conveyed to my father by my uncle, Killian Van Rensselaer, or otherwise acquired within the tract hereafter described, I seperate from the rest to entail the same, to wit: beginning by a small creek called Wahankasick where it empties into Hudson's River and northerly up the river to the mouth of Major Abraham's or Kinderhook creek; thence east into the woods ten miles; thence southerly as far as my right goes and thence to place of beginning; the same unto Richard Morris and Volckert P. Douw, Esquires, and their heirs during the life of my grandson, John Van Rensselaer, son of my deceased son Jeremiah, to the intent to support the contingent

remainders in this my will after limited, so that the same may not be destroyed, but in trust to permit him to receive the rents and profits during his natural life. After his decease to go to the first son of the said John, lawfully issuing, born and unborn, and to the heirs male of the body of such first son lawfully issuing. For default of such issue, then to the second, third and every other son of the said John, successively and in remainder, the one after the other as they shall be in seniority and priority of birth, and the several and respective heirs male, sons of the eldest of such sons, etc. In case of all such issue male failing, and that my said grandson shall have a daughter at his death, the same to go to said Richard Morris and Volckert P. Douw and their executors for the term of ninety-nine years next ensuing without impeachment of waste, in trust for raising by lease, mortgage or otherwise, in case of one daughter only, £1,000; if two or more daughters, then \$1,500 for such daughters, in equal shares; payable at their respective age of twenty-one, or marriage. If any such daughter or daughters die before full age or marriage, then the survivor or survivors to have the shares of them so dying; if all die in like estate, then the said sums shall not be raised, but if raised shall be paid to him to whom the freehold in the premises as hereinafter mentioned, shall be in trust for. In case said John shall leave no son or daughter, or if he shall have left a daughter or daughters, and either of said sums shall be raised, paid and satisfied then the said term of ninety-nine years shall be void; and then the premises to go to said Richard Morris and Volckert P. Douw, Esquires, during the life of my son Robert to support the contingent remainders hereinafter mentioned; to entail in like manner to my son Robert and his issue; Also, to my son Henry, and his issue male; and to my son James and his issue male; and to my daughter, Catherine Schuyler, and her issue male. The possessors of the freehold in the estate above devised, together with my other tenants,

from time to time, shall annually pay to my wife during her widowhood, £250 in quarterly payments; the first instalment within six weeks after my decease; the second, six months after, and then quarterly. If there be a default of payment, then she is to enter into the lands so entailed, and the other tenanted lands and hold the same till she shall have received the arrears with interest at seven per cent. This bequest to be in lieu of dower. Further unto her, all my wearing apparel, and one negro wench which she may choose, a negro boy Robb, a chariot and a pair of horses and harness; a bedstead with a set of curtains and the usual appurtenances; Also, such household furniture and other effects which she brought to my family at the time of our intermarriage or afterwards; Also, the liberty of living during her widowhood in my house at Greenbush. Unto my son James, my house and ground in the First Ward of the City of Albany. My executors shall, out of my personal estate, build for his use on the old stand, a new brick house two storys high. The rest of my personal estate unto my sons, Robert, Henry, and James, and to my daughter, Catharine Schuyler, in equal shares. Inasmuch as I have given to each of my children a negro, I give to my son James, my negro Lewis; unto my aforesaid grandson John (son of Jeremiah), my negro named Saratoga Jack, in the room of Tea, which I had given to his father, upon whose death, Tea was returned to me. Unto my said grandson, all my farmer's utensils belonging to my farm at Green Bush. The remainder of my personal estate (one sixth part of all my linen excepted, which I give to my wife), unto my aforesaid children and my said grandson, in equal shares. I make my sons, Robert, Henry, and James, and my daughter Catharine and my grandson John, executors.

Dated May 25, 1782. Witnesses, John Visscher, of the Eastern District of the Manor of Van Rensselaerwick, Esquire, W. T. Wemple, Robert Yates. Proved, February 26, 1783.

Codicil. Whereas, my real estate at Green Bush, extending along Hudson's River from Janoom's to Jacob Engels Patent, and extending the whole breadth into the woods, one English mile; and my island opposite the same and the buildings, were had by me as a Tenant entail, the said tenure being since abolished by Act of Legislature of the State, I devise all said real estate at Green Bush above mentioned with the appurtenances; Also, the said Island, unto my grandson John, son of my deceased son Jeremiah, for life; at his decease to go to his heirs, and to his, her, or their heirs forever. My slaves respectively shall have liberty of choosing their masters, and my children and grandchild shall pay an appraised value after deducting one fifth part of such appraisement.

Dated July 29, 1782. Witnesses, John Visscher, Cornelius Glen, Robert Yates. Proved, February 26, 1783.

Page 53.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN D. VOSBURGH, yeoman, of Kinderhook, Albany County, being sick and weak in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid in some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my oldest son, Samuel, my large English Bible for his primogeniture. All my real and personal estate unto my said son, on the express terms that he pay the several legacies and perform the several articles hereinafter mentioned; that he give reasonable maintenance to my son Dirck and my daughter Alida, and the child whereof my dear wife Cornelia is now pregnant, until they respectively are twenty-one years of age; Also, to give such a common education, vizt.: reading, writing and arithmetic; further, that he pay my son Dirck £100, and my daughter Alida £80, and to said unborn issue male, £100; if a daughter, £80; payable when they attain majority. My wife to dwell on my estate and be maintained thereout, while my widow. My son Dirck and my unborn child (if a son), shall be put to a trade at the dis-

cretion of my executors. I make my dear and well-beloved wife Cornelia, and my trusty and well-beloved brother, Evert Vosburgh, and brothers-in-law, Cornelius Hogeboom and Johannis Goes, Jr., executors.

Dated October, 1780. Witnesses, Peter A. Vosburgh, weaver, and Mica Mudge, farmer, both of Albany County; and Seth Rewlee. Proved, January 18, 1783.

Page 54.—In the name of God, Amen. I, FREDERICK DAVIS, of the Township of Marbletown, Ulster County, being weak in body, this first day of May, 1778. I leave to my son Isaac, one cow, which he may choose out of my stock, for his birthright, and no more, as I have provided for him in my lifetime. Unto my son Andries, all the land he now lives on, being one half the land I lately owned in Yaughcriblebush, and which I have heretofore given him a deed for. Unto my son Jacobus, the other one half of above named lands, he paying for the same £200. Unto my son Samuel, all my lands lying on the South east side of the public highway leading from Marbletown to Rochester; together with my dwelling house, barn, barrocks, and other buildings thereon, he paying £150 for the same; Also, my best waggon, plow, sleigh, and harrow. Unto my five daughters, Jane, Mary, Elizabeth, Rachel, and Sarah, all my lands on the north-west side of said highway on both sides of the Esopus Creek; together with that small lot of land I lately bought of Edward Hall lying on the south-east side of said road, in equal shares. My son Jacobus to pay £100 within one year after my decease equally to my said five daughters; the other £100 the year following, in like manner. My son Samuel to pay half of £150 at same terms and in like manner. The remainder of my estate to be sold to the highest bidder as soon as convenient after my decease; the proceeds to be equally divided between my son Jacobus and my five daughters; the same to pay all my just debts and funeral charges. I

make my son Jacobus and my trusty friend, David Bevier, executors.

(Signed)

“FREDERICK DAVIES.”

Witnesses, Levi Pawling; Robert Harpur (or Harper) late of the City of New York, now of Dutchess County, Esquire; John Davies, of Marbletown, blacksmith. Proved, September 7, 1778.

[NOTE.—The executors named renounced their rights. Letters of administration were granted to Johannis Ostrander, Moses Pattison, and William Hume, on March 27, 1783.]

Page 56.—In the name of God, Amen. On the thirtieth day of July in the thirteenth year of our sovereign lord George Third, by the grace of God, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland; King, Defender of the Faith, etc., A.D. 1773. I, JAMES PINE, of the Township of New Rochel, Westchester County, yeoman, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be first paid by my executors out of my estate. I leave to my grandson, James Pine, son of James Pine, of the Township of Rye, Westchester County, five shillings as a bar against him to any part of my estate. Unto my grandson James (son of John Pine, of the Township of East Chester, deceased), all lands and tenements, bought of Gilead Hunt, of the Town of Rochel, which are in the Town of East Chester and Manor of Pelham; together with the dwelling house, mill, and mill-barns. Unto my son Samuel, living in Kings Street, in Fairfield County, in the Colony of Connecticut, £100; also £200 for the use of my two daughters, Elizabeth Willis and Mary Bonnett, both of the Township of Rochel, in equal shares, payable at his discretion. Unto my two granddaughters, Phebe and Hannah Pine (daughters of my son John, deceased), of East Chester; and other of my granddaughters, Elizabeth and Mary Pine (daughters of my son Micah, late of the City of New York, deceased, mariner), each an equal part of the remainder of my real and personal

estate. I make my son, Samuel Pine, and Peter Bonnett, of New Rochel, executors.

Witnesses, Mary Willis, of Westchester County; Charity Peters, George Youngs. Proved, July 5, 1783.

[NOTE.—The above named executors relinquished the executorship; and letters of administration were granted to James Pine, on August 5, 1783.]

Page 59.—I knowing that it is appointed for man once to die, make this will and testament. I will my body to the dust and my soul to God who gave it. Unto my dear and beloved wife, Elizabeth Cox, my best bed and bedding; one of my best horses and a saddle and bridle; two cows, two sheep and one breeding sow. My accounts to be settled, and my debts collected in. Sufficient of my moveable estate to be sold to satisfy my creditors. My wife to live on the farm with my children; the profits of my estate for their maintenance until the boys are fit to be put out to trades as they shall best like; until that time they are to be kept at school as much as possible. My wife, while my widow, to have the use of my whole estate until my oldest son is of age. Should she marry again before such time my real estate to be let out advantageously; the profits to be kept for the use of my four children; my moveable estate to be either let or sold, at executors' discretion; the aforementioned use to cease when my oldest son is twenty-one; then to be equally divided among the surviving. As my daughter is the oldest, and perhaps may incline to marry sooner, at her marriage her dividend to be taken out of the estate without damage to the rest, and given her. I make Robert Cox, Jacob G. Klock, and John Frey, Esquire, executors.

(Signed)

EBENEZER COX.

Dated February 18, 1777. Witnesses, none. The signature of the testator was identified by William Petrie of Kingland, Tyron County, physician; and Jacob G. Clock of Palatine district, said county, Esquire. Proved, March 25, 1783.

Page 60.—I, DANIEL CLOSE, Clerk, being visited with bodily infirmity, and calling to mind my own mortality, and importance of having my secular affairs settled before I am called to the solemn hour of dying. This twenty-sixth day of February, 1783. I leave to my well-beloved wife Hannah, all my personal estate and one half of my real estate after all my debts are paid out of my whole real estate. Unto David Delivan, son of my sister, Sarah Delivan, and unto John Tompkins Close, my brother John's son, the remaining one half of my whole real estate, as above ordered, in equal shares. My executors to sell any part of my real estate; pay debts with proceeds; as they think most expedient. I make my brother, John Close, my brothers-in-law, Thomas Comstock and Timothy Delivan, and my wife Hannah, executors.

Witnesses, Alexander Kidd, of Fredericksburgh precinct, Dutchess County; Samuel Mills; David Porter. Proved, April 2, 1783.

Codicil. The legacies left to the heirs in minority to be laid out for their benefit at the discretion of my brother John and my brother-in-law, Timothy Delivan.

Dated March 11, 1783. Witnesses, Samuel Mills; Nathaniel Fisher, of Fredericksburgh precinct, millwright. Proved, April 3, 1783.

Page 62.—In the name of God, Amen, October 14, 1774. I, MARY TRAVIS, widow of Robert Travis, late of the Manor of Cortlandt, Westchester County, deceased; considering the uncertainty of this transitory life. My just debts and funeral charges to be first paid. Whereas my deceased husband willed to my two granddaughters, Mary and Phebe Travis, daughters of my son Daniel, deceased, £100 each; and ordered the same to be paid by my four sons Jonathan, Moses, Jeremiah and Elisha, each a quarter part; and whereas, since the death of my deceased husband my sons, Moses and Elisha, are reduced, and unable to pay their respective parts of the leg-

acy; I therefore give to my said granddaughters £50, to be paid by my executors; my sons to be released from said payment. Likewise, unto Mary Travis, my flower'd coverlid; unto Phebe Travis, my feather bed, bed-spread, bolsters and pillows. My mare unto my son Moses. Unto my grandsons, Jonathan, son of Jonathan; Daniel, son of Jeremiah; Robert, son of Elisha, and unto Catharine, wife of Elias Smith, Mary, daughter of John Secord, each 40 shillings. Likewise unto Catherine Smith and Mary Secord, the remainder of my bedding and furniture. Unto William Lewis, son of David Lewis, so called, 40 shillings. Unto my daughter Mary, £10. The remainder of my estate unto my two sons, Moses and Elisha, so divided that Moses has three quarters and Elisha, one quarter. I make Benjamin Field, of said Manor, executor.

Witnesses, Samuel Field, of said Manor, yeoman; William Field, John Burnya. Proved, April 1, 1783.

Page 63.—Camp Valley Forge, March 8, 1778. Sir: I have wrote to you several times, and never yet was favored with your answer; which would give me pleasure to receive. These few lines will, I hope, find you and family in good health—as I am at present. God only knows how long should it please Him to take me out of this life, but vain and transitory. I bequeath unto you, my personal substance—both wages which is due to me in this Regiment and the Army—and all other debts that is due to me elsewhere. Your kind answer would favour and oblige. With my love to you and family, and am your friend and humble servant,

WILLIAM MORPETH.

To Capt. Daniel Fordom, Seabrook, Connecticut Govern't. Proved, April 10, 1783.

[NOTE.—Daniel Tappen and George Howell, Sergeants in Colonel Van Cortlandt's Regiment, appeared and deposed that the above letter was written by Daniel Tappen at the desire and dictation of William Mor-

peth; George Howell corroborated their testimony. Letters of administration granted to Daniel Fordom on April 10, 1783.]

Page 64.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ABIGAL WILLS, widow of the County of Orange, being weak in body, this ninth day of March, 1781. I leave to my granddaughter, Abigal Swezy, one bed, three pair of sheets and other bed furniture; my best suit of cloths, my trunk, £26 in silver and gold, payable by my executors when she is eighteen. Unto my granddaughters, Dorothy and July Sweezy, £12 each in like money, to be invested and paid as above. Unto my daughter, Abigal Swezy, two small silver table spoons, two tea spoons, and the equal one half of my furniture and wearing cloathes. Unto my daughter, Mary Carpenter, £50 specie; large silver table spoon and the other half of my wearing apparel. Unto my son Israel, the small trunk his father used to keep his writings in. I make my son, Israel Wills, and my friend, Henry Wisner, Junior, of Ulster County, executors.

Witnesses, Isaac Parish, of the Precinct of Goshen, cooper; James Dunning; Sarah Dunning. Proved, January 7, 1783.

Page 66.—The twenty-sixth day of September, 1769. I, BENJAMIN CARPENTER, saddler, of the West Patent of North Castle, Westchester County, being of perfect mind and memory. All my just and lawful debts to be paid. I leave to my loving wife Lidia, all my household goods for her use; Also, the easternmost room in my house with the cellar under the same; Also, the lean-to adjoining on the north side of said room; for her use while my widow. Likewise, unto her, a good milch cow. Unto my daughter, Rosanah Kerly, £3; the like sum to my daughter, Ruth Carpenter. Unto my grandson, Edward Colwell, a like sum. Unto my son Zeno, 5 acres of timber land lying at the south east

corner of my farm; bounded eastward and southward by the land of William Ogden, westward by my cleared land; Also, 30 acres more of land; bounded southward and westward by land of William Ogden, eastward by said timber land and a ledge of rocks, running northward to contain 30 acres. The remainder of my land and tenements with the privileges, unto my son Caleb, with the rest of my personal estate; he to find for my wife, good keeping, summer and winter, for a cow; plenty of firewood brought to her door; Also, sufficient wool and flax, and vegetable produce; and to get the wheat ground and bolted and the corn ground into meal; and meat ready salted for cooking. My wife to have the privilege of apples, summer and winter, and one barrel of cider each year; my son Caleb to pay an annuity of £4 to my wife, while my widow; Also, to find a good gentle horse for her. If she shall accept of this will, my said son to pay her £50 when she shall quit or resign all the real and personal estate to my sons, Caleb and Zeno; should she not accept, my son shall not pay the said sum. All the above gift and privileges given her, to be in lieu of dower. My son Caleb to pay the legacies above given to my daughters and granddaughters; but if he do not, then my friend, John Carpenter, and my son Zeno shall sell sufficient moveable estate to pay them for their trouble and the said legacies. I make my two sons, Zeno and Caleb Carpenter, and my friend, John Carpenter, the latter, executors.

Witnesses, Sarah Smith, Deborah Smith, and Benjamin Smith, of Cortlandt's Manor, yeoman. Proved, January 25, 1783.

Page 68.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS ECKERSON, yeoman, of Orange Township, Orange County, being sick and weak. All my just, honest and lawful debts to be paid by my executors. I leave to my son Gerrit, £5 as his birthright. Unto Rachel, my loving wife, for her natural life and during her

widowhood, the use of my whole estate for her maintenance. At her decease, the whole (less the £5 above given) to be divided. Unto my sons, Jacob and David, all the lands on the west side of the road; Jacob the west end, and David the east, by a line running from a white oak to the line between said land and the land of Theunis Luper near a brook on the west side of David Ecker's house. Also, a piece of moving ground near or on the Demarest Hill, as it is enclosed by fence. The remainder of my land that lies on the east side of the road, to be sold at my executors' discretion; my debts to be paid out of the proceeds; the overplus to be equally divided amongst my three daughters and the children of my son Matthew, deceased, Catherina, Mary, Rachel, and grandchildren, Rachel and Sarah, the two children to have one share. My loose estate to be equally divided amongst my heirs and children, namely: Jacob, David, Willimpye, Catharina, Mary, and Rachel, and the children of my son Matthew deceased, Rachel and Sarah to have one share. I make John Perry and Isaac Debaun, executors.

Dated May 5, 1781. Witnesses, William Parsell, Tunis Cuyper, and James Perry, of Tappan. Proved, March 27, 1783.

Page 70.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIZABETH LANSING, late of the City of Albany, in the State of New York, widow, being weak in body, this twenty-sixth day of September, 1780. After all my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executrix, I leave to my well beloved son Garret 10 shillings out of my personal estate wherewith I bar him from further claim as being my eldest son and heir-at-law. Unto my beloved daughter Annantia, all my real estate. Unto my two daughters, Annantia and Helenah, all my personal estate in equal shares. I make my daughter, Annantia Lansing, executrix.

Witnesses, Evert W. Swart, Cornelius Cooper, both

of Rumbout precinct, Dutchess County, yeomen; and Nathaniel Sackett. Proved, April 15, 1783.

Page 71.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MATHYS VAN LOON, of Loonenburgh, Albany County, being indisposed in bodily health. All my honest debts and funeral charges and other expenses to be paid by my five children, namely: my beloved son John, and my beloved daughters, Mary, Ida, Christina, and Catharine. My beloved wife Annaetje to have one room in my house to dwell in; Also, one negro wench at her choice to wait on her, during her life; Also, two milk cows, and four sheep, at her choice. My son John shall annually sow during his life, half a "schepel" flax seed for her on good ground. She to have her bed and bedding and all her household stuff and wearing apparel during her life-time. At her decease, the same to come to my daughters before mentioned, in equal shares, except what is bequeathed to my son John. Unto him, my old gun or fire-lock, he being my first-born son, and to debar him from any privilege in consequence thereof. Likewise, unto him, my negroes Piet and Ben, and two negro wenches, both named Susan; Also, the fish-net or Seine, the windmill to clear grain, all my smith's tools and farming utensils, such as wagons, sleighs, plows, harrows, three horses at his choice, and all debts due to me on book-account at my decease; all the wheat, both growing in the field and housed; my negro boy named Bram. Unto my daughter Mary, my negro boy Jack. Unto my four daughters, the farm at Loonenburgh, at present in the tenure of William Schram; Also, 5 acres of meadow at Beeregat Fly as it is commonly called, and free liberty to cut fencing stuff, firewood and other timber for use of said farm and meadow in a piece of woodland in Loonenburgh Patent on the west side of the road leading from Katskill to Coxhatkje, provided (that whereas my daughters, Ida and Christina, or their respective husbands, have each a homestead by deed in writing, situate in Loonen-

burgh) that the real value of such homesteads in their improved state (if they can agree among themselves; or if not, as the properties shall be appraised by two or more indifferent men at their choice), shall first be deducted from their shares of farm and meadow land as to make them equal to the other two daughters. Also, provided, that my son John shall have a free road through the homesteads, and free watering for his creatures. The remainder of my real estate unto my son John; of my personal estate unto my four daughters in equal shares. I make my wife Annaetje, my son John, my trusty and beloved friend, Jacob Van Loan, executors.

Dated September 14, 1781. Witnesses, Henry Knoll, Coenradt Flaake, William Adams. Proved, March 10, 1783.

Page 73.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN BANGS, of Fredericksburgh precinct, Dutchess County, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind. After my just debts be paid out of my moveable estate, I leave to my beloved wife Lydia, the use of one third of my whole estate during her natural life. Unto each of my daughters, Hannah, Bethia, Mary, £10. The remainder of my real and personal estate, with my house and tenement in said precinct, to my son Abner; division to be made by Nathaniel Foster, Esquire, and Theodorus Crosby, whom I make executors.

Dated March 10, 1783. Witnesses, Ichabod Lewis; Jeremiah Burges, of said precinct, Esquire; James Foster. Proved, April 22, 1783.

[NOTE.—The above named relinquished executorship; letters of administration granted to Lydia Bangs, May 2, 1783.

Page 75.—In the name of God, Amen, the thirty-first of January, 1777. I, THOMAS PIRE (or POYER), of Rumbouts precinct, Dutchess County, being sick

and in a low weakly state of body. All my honest debts to be paid out of my estate. I leave unto Margret, my dearly beloved wife, the use of my whole estate to maintain her and my children as long as she remains my widow; or such part of it to be sold as she may judge expedient; proceeds to be put at interest for said use. At her marriage, she to have the choice of a bed and its furniture, and £30 if the beds are not sold; £50 if they are sold. This to be in lieu of dower. Unto my oldest son, Thomas, after the marriage or decease of my wife, if he is of age, £2 for his birthright, because he shall make no further claims on my estate as heir-at-law. Unto my six children, namely: Sarah, Margret, Thomas, Joseph, Hannah, and Jacob, one equal sixth part of my real and personal estate apiece, when my wife ceases to be my widow. I make my dearly beloved friend, Joseph Tuston, Jonis Holstid, and my wife Maregret, executors. *(Signed)* "THOMAS POYER."

Witnesses, Otho Lawrence; Phillip Jacob Schaff; John Cooper, of Rumbout precinct, yeoman. Proved, May 3, 1783.

Page 76.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB KROM, of Hurley Town, being weak in body on the 19th day of December, 1782. I leave to my loving wife Catharine, while my widow, all my real estate. At her marriage or death the same to go equally among my children, or other children nine months after at my decease, born of my wife, to share with my son Abraham, equally. Unto my wife, all my moveables after my just debts be paid. My executors to settle six weeks after my death my debts, and receiving what is due me, pay it to my wife. I make my wife Catharine, and my loving friends, Johannis Blanshan, and Samuel Schoonmaker, executors.

Witnesses, Benjamin Krom, Matthew Blanshun, jr., Jacob Blanshan, jr.; all of Hurley Town, weavers. Proved, April 18, 1783.

Page 78.—The first day of May, 1782. I, JOSEPH GIDNEY, of Phillipsborough, Westchester County, being of sound mind and memory. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to Martha, my beloved wife, the use of all my estate for her support and ample maintenance for her natural life. At her decease unto my eldest son, Absalom, my whole estate. I make my wife Martha, and my son, Absalom Gidney, executors.

Witnesses, Ruben Bloomer, of Mamaroneck, Westchester County, yeoman; Arnold Bloomer; Gilbert Bloomer. Proved, May 20, 1783.

Page 79.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ISAAC CARPENTER, of Harrison's Precinct, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid out of my movable estate. An inventory of my moveable estate to be made immediately after my decease, by my executors; and remain in the care of my sons, Samuel and Nathaniel, for the use and bringing up of my younger children as long as they act with prudence under the care of my executors; who, at their discretion, are to sell my real and personal estate for the benefit of the children. The proceeds of sale to go equally among my sons and daughters. They are also to see that my younger children may have learning given to them and care taken of them. Unto my sons, Samuel and Nathaniel, my wearing apparel, my weaving loom and tackling, to be appraised and equally divided. My riding saddle to Nathaniel; my side-saddle to my daughter Phebe. I make my friends, John Haviland and Joseph Carpenter, executors.

Dated September 24, 1778. Witnesses, Timothy Halsted, Josiah Fowler, and Samuel Hitt, of Harrison's purchase, Westchester County. Proved, May 21, 1783.

Page 80.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES MEADOWS, of the Parish of Rye, Westchester County, schoolmaster, being weak in body. I leave to my natu-

ral grandson, William Meadows Woodward, my dwelling house, the large clock, and 14 acres of land on which the house stands; which he is not to sell or encumber until he is twenty-eight years of age. His father and mother, William and Amelia Woodward, are to possess the said property until William is twenty-eight, and while either continues a widower, or widow; to possess the same and to crop it together after William is twenty-eight. Unto my natural grandson, James Meadow Woodward, about 50 acres of land, bought of Jacob Walton and Timothy Whetmore; which is not to be disposed of, except under above same conditions as his brother. Likewise, one bond of £100 against James and Gilbert Horton; but it is to be used only for building a dwelling house. Neither of the two sons to sell said lands or buildings while their parents are widower or widow. Unto my true and natural granddaughters, Lavinia and Anna Woodward, a bond of £64, against Samuel and Andrew Lyman bond against John Rushton and Isaac Gidney, blacksmith; Also, a bond against Hacholiah Purdy, for £30 retaining £10 of said £30 towards building a church at Rye, if such a thing should come to pass. The interest on said bonds to be used by said parents for their education and bringing up to marriage state; Also, unto William Meadows Woodward, my large silver spoon; unto James Meadows Woodward, my little clock and watch, the small silver spoon, and likewise my silver shoe and knee-buckles. Unto Lavinia Woodward, my gold ring at her marriage day. Unto my natural son-in-law, such cash as he shall find by me, and all his silver buttons, and moveables not before mentioned. I make my three beloved friends: my natural son-in-law, William Woodward; Mr. John Woods, Attorney; and John Guion, blacksmith, executors.

Dated October 4, 1778. Witnesses, Rufus Carpenter, of North Castle, tailor; David Lyon, Richard Smith. Proved, May 22, 1783.

Page 82.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ISAAC GUION, gentleman, of New Rochell, Westchester County, being weak in body. All my just debts to be paid. The one piece of my lands lying in New Rochelle to be sold by my executors, lying in the western division adjoining the land of Peter Flanders's, containing about 23 acres. All my real estate to be sold, except that is hereafter given away. I leave unto my son Isaac, in lieu of his birthright, in full bar to my estate, £10, to be levied out of my moveable estate; likewise, unto him, all my salt meadow lying at Rodman's Neck; Also, one silver porringer marked L G; Also, £45, to be paid by my executors out of proceeds of aforesaid sale, six months after my decease; he having received the value of £50 already, making together £100. Unto my son Abram, £100, out of my moveable estate; Also, my silver-headed cane, in like manner as above. Unto my son John, the like sum in said term; Also, my gold sleeve-buttons. Unto my son Peter, the like sum in said term; Also, my English Bible. Unto my son David, the like sum in said term; Also, my silver shoe-buckles. Unto my daughter Dinah, while a single woman, a small tract of land about 20 acres, it being my homestead lot; together with all the buildings and privileges; all which at her marriage or decease is to be sold by my executors, and proceeds divided between all my children, sons and daughters, except the part of my daughter Hester, wife of Peter Secard, which is to remain in my executors' hands; they to allow her the interest yearly during life; at her decease, to pay the principal unto her three daughters. Also, unto Dinah, £100, payable as her brothers' legacies; Also, my riding chair, one bed, which she now uses in my house, with the under-bolster and two pillows, bedstead and curtains, and its other furniture; three pairs of sheets, two pair of pillow-cases, one large belstad cupboard, one huckebeck, and one dyper tablecloth; one belstad oval table, six hackebeck napkins, four dyper doilies; six high-back, four low back and one elbow chairs;

Also, one large looking glass with a gilt frame; Also, nine small pictures, six large silver spoons, three silver tea-spoons, one large brass kettle, three iron pots, one iron kettle, which holds about two gallons, two pewter basons, four platters, half-dozen each of soup plates and plain plates, one large tea kettle, two pewter tea pots, a large pair of hand-irons and fender, a large pair of tongs and shovel, a roasting spit and a grappling, and two chain trammels, one pie pan, one brass frying pan, one sauce pan, one iron mortar and pestle, one dressing pan, two candle-sticks, one French Bible in two vols., one large chest iron-bound, three cedar pails with iron hoops, eight keelers, two cedar wash-tubs, one soap tub, two butter tubs; all my tea-cups; all the earthen plates and bowls, a pair of smoothing irons; one Dutch spinning wheel, one woolen wheel, two cows, and my silver watch. Unto my daughter Hester, £100, to be lodged in executors' hands six months after my decease; they paying her annually the lawful interest in such necessities as they think she needs most; Also, one feather bed, bolster, and pillow; after her decease, they to pay the principal and her proceeds of sale of my dwelling house, unto her three daughters, namely: Mary, Hester, and Cathrin. Unto my daughter Mary, widow of John Bonet, deceased, £100 in said term; Also, one warming pan, one feather bed, bolster and pillow, six large silver spoons, three tea spoons. All my linen, not disposed of, to be divided equally between my three daughters, Dinah, Hester and Mary. All my wearing apparel and shirting to be likewise divided between my five sons, Isaac, Abram, John, Peter and David. After my just debts and funeral charges are paid, and for the settling of my estates, and the above mentioned legacies be paid, the remainder of my estate to be equally divided between all my children. Should it not hold out to pay the legacies, then an equal abatement shall be made in each bequest. I make my sons, Isaac, Abram, and John, and my daughter Dinah, executors.

Dated February 9, 1769. Witnesses, Jean Angevin; Benjamin Guion, of New Rochelle, cordwainer; Jacobus Bleecker. Proved, May 7, 1783.

Page 85.—In the name of God, Amen. This seventh day of March, 1782. I, STEPHEN BUSH, of Greenwich, being sick and weak in body. I leave to my son Stephen, my whole estate. I make Nathaniel Reynolds of Cortlandt's Manor (my wife's father), executor; he to have the care of my estate until my son is of lawful age.

Witnesses, Jehiel Hubbell, of the Township of Greenwich, State of Connecticut, carpenter; and Joseph Bush. Proved, May 10, 1783.

Page 86.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES HART, yeoman, of Rye Neck, Westchester County, being very sick and weak in body. I leave to Liveniah, Charity, Elizabeth, Jean and Hester, each, one bed with the bedding; likewise, a third part of my estate equally divided amongst the above five girls. Unto my sons, James, Elisha and Jacob, the two thirds of my estate in like manner. The stock and all the utensils to be kept till Jacob is of age for the children's use. The house, barn and fences to be kept in good repair until that time; then all the chattels and utensils to be sold, and divided among the above named eight children. I make my brother-in-law, John Guion; James, my oldest son; and Charity, my daughter, executors.

Dated May 1, 1781. Witnesses, David Bloomer, of Westchester County; Abraham Guion; and Benjamin McConnell, of Westchester County. Proved, May 20, 1783.

Page 88.—I, MARTHA LYON, widow, of the Township of Rye, Westchester County, make this will. All my just debts and funeral charges and charges of proving this will to be paid by my executors out of my estate in some convenient time after my decease, before any division. I leave to my youngest brother, David

Travis, £100. Unto my cousin, Gabriel Lynch, £10. Unto my sister Elizabeth's son, Peter Hatfield, the like sum. Unto my brother Robert's daughter, Martha Weekes, the same. The residue of my estate (except a cupboard, table, one small chest of drawers, and one bed and its furniture; one pot and kettle which I give to Jemima Simmons, and to the heirs of her body), unto my two sisters' daughters (the daughters of Mary Lynch and Catherine Purdy, deceased), to be equally divided between them. I make my loving cousin, Gabriel Lynch, and Bartholomew Gedney, executors.

Dated June 2, 1773. Witnesses, Eli Secor, of said County; Margaret Lynch; Benedict Carpenter. Proved, May 20, 1783.

Page 89.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ZEBULON ROBBINS, of Albany County, and late of New York, being of sound and perfect understanding and memory. All my debts to be paid. I leave to my dear and loving wife, for her own use, one good cow, and all the goods I received with her at our marriage; Also, an annuity of £8 out of my estate, while my widow. Unto my beloved daughter, Comfort Stillman, one third part of my remaining real and personal estate. My beloved daughter, Sarah Douglass, having had her portion, is the reason why nothing is here bequeathed to her. Unto my beloved daughter, Hannah Kellogg, a like third part. My daughter, Abigail Darrow, and her husband Samuel having behaved in a very undutiful and disrespectful manner to me, they are to have no share in my estate. Unto my beloved daughter, Mary Ketchum, the remaining third. I make my sons-in-law, Josiah Stillman, and Aaron Kellogg, executors.

Dated June 25, 1782. Witnesses, Mat Adgate, of King's District, Esquire; Thamor Mallory; Lewis Graves. Proved, June 1, 1783.

Page 91.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HANDEKICK LENT, of the Manor of Cortlandt, Westchester County,

being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my eldest daughter, Sarah, one yearling heifer; Also, one half of my real and personal estate lying in the said Manor. Unto my younger daughter, Hannah, the other half of said property. Unto my grandson Handrick (born of the body of my youngest daughter, Hannah), my fowling piece. Peggy Lent, widow (wife of my son Abraham, deceased), to live in my possession with my two daughters, Sarah and Hannah, as long as they shall agree. I make my friends, John Van Tassel, Esquire; James Kronkhytt, Capt., executors.

Dated November 23, 1781. Witnesses, Thomas R. Stillwell, of Pecks Kill, Westchester County; Handerrick Tice, John Barlow. Proved, July 1, 1783.

Page 92.—In the name of God, Amen. The second day of July, 1780. I, ANDREW MERITT, of Rye, Westchester County, being a little out of order; Also, to bodily health. My just debts and funeral charges and other expenses to be paid by my executors out of my estate. I leave to my loving wife Mary, all such household goods she brought to be at marriage; Also, one third of all other of my household goods; all which for her use absolutely; she to have the liberty to live in my now dwelling house; the use of the middle lower room; my sons, Gilbert and Robert, to provide sufficient firewood for her use. My three sons, Gilbert, Robert, and Nehemiah, shall each annually pay my wife 30 shillings, three bushels of wheat, and one bushel of corn. My son Robert and Phebe (my son's wife), to take care of my wife Mary, when unable to take care of herself, all, while my widow. Unto my eldest son, Andrew, £1 out of my moveable estate, in full bar to claim as eldest son. All my lands and houses in Gracious Street in Rye, bounded east by said street; north and west by highway and land of Nehemiah Kniffen, deceased; south by land of John Hawkins; divided between my two sons; Nehemiah to

have the northern part, and 3 acres more in said part, than the equal half of the whole house and buildings in the north part; to Gilbert the remainder. Unto my son Robert, all lands, marshes and sedges on the east side of said street; with house, barn, and other rights; bounded west by said street and the creek or cove; north and east by Curum River; south by my son Gilbert's land. Unto my son Robert, my farming utensils; four rods square of my land about the graves on the north part of my land to go to him, about where the graves of my father and mother and former wife Rachel are buried; to be a burying place for myself, family and other relatives. Also, unto him, my meat chest with fat; and all my creatures. Unto my sons, Gilbert and Robert, equally, all my Rights in lands undivided in Rye. After my just debts and funeral charges, and for settling my estate, my wife Mary's legacy herein given to be deducted and paid. The remainder of my household goods to my daughter Raechi, wife of Guilbert Millen. I make my two sons, Robert and Nehemiah, executors.

Witnesses, William Crooker, yeoman; Sophier Smith; Samuel Brown, yeoman. Proved, June 23, 1783.

Page 94.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES FERRIS, farmer, of Frog's Neck, Westchester County, being sick and weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid at some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my beloved wife Charity, the use of one third part of all my farm and houses in Frog's Neck; together with all my farming utensils, and my negroes, not otherwise disposed of, while my widow. The use of the other two thirds part of my estate unto my son James, provided my wife and son permit all of my daughters to have a living in my house equal and as good as the rest of the family; provided also, my daughter to have forage and pasture for one horse. My daughters to have said privilege

while unmarried. Unto my daughter Ann, £300; Also, my long brass hand-irons, and a table set of china. Unto my daughter Abigail, £300. Unto my daughter Marcy, £300. Unto my two sons, James and David, all lands and meadows on Frog's Neck; with all the houses and appurtenances; Also, my right and interest in the Commonage of Westchester, in equal shares, provided my son James pays to my son George, £400, when George is twenty; and provided also that my son David pay to George £300 when George is twenty; provided also, that James and David do board and pay for books and school-learning of my son George until he is of proper age to be put to trade, which my executors shall think best for my son, and most suitable to qualify him well for his station. His expenses to be paid out of the income of my estate. Unto my wife Charity, £300, with all that shall appear given unto me or her in the will of her late father, John Thomas, Esquire, deceased; except £150; Also, my negro wench Phebe, my riding chair and hunting saddle; all in lieu of dower. Unto my son James, my negro boy Dick. Unto my two sons, Thomas and Edward, all my right and interest in the tract of land in Bashes Kill, on the west side of Hudson's River, in equal shares, provided Thomas pay to Edward, £150, when he is twenty-one; but this last payment I revoke in case either die before twenty-one, without lawful issue, then the moiety of him so dying shall go to his said brothers; the other half of his share, to my daughters, Ann, Abigail, and Marcy, in equal shares. Should either James or David so die, then the half of the share of the decedent to his living brother, the other half to my son George. My executors to give my son Edward good school learning. All my wearing apparel to my son James. My wife to have use of all my moveable estate not disposed of, while my widow. At her decease or remarriage, my executors to divide all my moveable estate among my children, Thomas, Edward, George, Ann, Abigail, and Marcy, in equal shares. I make my

beloved wife Charity, my daughter Ann, my son Thomas, my brother-in-law, Thomas Thomas, executors.

Dated February 4, 1780. Witnesses, Giles Stanton, James Lewis, John Hunt. Proved, June 11, 1783.

Page 96.—In the name of God, Amen. I, EBENEZER BROWN, of the Township of Rye, Westchester County, yeoman, this third day of May, 1783, being weak in body. I leave to my son Ebenezer, 20 shillings, in lieu and in bar of his being my heir-at-law. Unto my sister, Elizebeth Brown, an annuity of £5. Unto my granddaughter, Dorothy Anderson, £5. All my lands in the Township of Rye to be sold; my just debts and funeral expenses and above legacies to be paid out of proceeds. Unto my granddaughters, Sarah and Mary Brown, the remainder of the proceeds of sale, in equal shares; Also, all my moveable estate, equally, payable to each at her marriage, or when eighteen years of age. I make my loving friends, Daniel Adee and Nathaniel Brown, executors.

Witnesses, John Adee, Nehemiah Merritt, George Harris. Proved, July 12, 1783.

Page 98.—In the name of God, Amen. This twenty-fifth day of February, 1777. I, ELEAZEAR GEDNEY, of Scaresdale, Westchester County, knowing that it is appointed for all flesh to depart this life. I leave to my son Joseph, five shillings, to be paid by my executors after my decease. Unto my daughter, Elizabeth Hart, £97, 10 shillings. Unto my daughter, Rebeckah Hart's children, £100, to be equally divided between them, James, Elisha, and Jacob Hart, and Levinah, Christy, Elizabeth, Jane, and Esther Hart; payable after my decease and as they respectively are twenty-one, or marry. Unto my daughter, Mary Sands, £100; unto my daughter, Martha Barns, £90, 10s. Unto my two grandsons, Joseph Gedney Haines, and David Haines, £100, in equal shares, provided I am executor

to their father's estate. Should any money go to make up any deficiency in that estate, it must be taken out of this money I have given to them. The lands and tenements where my son, Jacob Gidney, lived, his widow and children shall enjoy until his son Thomas is twenty-one; then my executors are to sell it, and divide the proceeds as follows: Thomas and Jacob, two shares; the widow, and Eleazeer Gedney, and Mary, Anne, and Marcy Gedney, one share each; but Eleazeer to have £20 more than his share. The widow, Mary Gedney, to have the profits of the lands and tenements for the bringing up of the children. The moveable estate which the widow has which belongs to me, is to be divided between Jacob's wife and children, equally, if it is not needed to pay the debts. If she should marry, before Thomas comes to age, then all is to be sold; the use of the proceeds to go to the support of the widow and children till that time. I make my son David, and my sons-in-law, Samuel Sands, Joseph Hart, and James Hart, executors. Joshua Barns and his wife are indebted to the testator; that he has paid a bond for them to William Field; before they received their legacy, this must be discharged.

Witnesses, Eli Secor, of Scaresdale, yeoman; Charity Haines, John Hadden. Proved, June 30, 1783.

Page 99.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL CRAWFORD, of the Manor of Scarsdale, Westchester County, cooper, being in health, this thirteenth day of February, 1776. My executors to sell the piece of land opposite Benedict Carpenter's, at public or private sale, at their discretion; Also, all my estate, except two horses, four cows, six hogs, ten sheep, and necessary farming utensils; meat, grain and hay; Also, three feather beds and cupboard; and all the linen and woolen furniture, six chairs and two tables. The proceeds to pay just debts and funeral expenses. I leave to my loving wife Jane, £25, to help support her and

the children; Also, the use of my farm and buildings and the moveable estate above mentioned, while my widow, or until my youngest son, Samuel, is fourteen; at this time, or at my wife's decease or remarriage, my executors are to sell all my real and personal estate and the proceeds (if my wife remains my widow) when my son Samuel is fourteen, then my wife to have one of the best beds and furniture; Also, my executors to put £300 at interest, and pay said interest while she is my widow. Unto my sons, Elijah, John, and Samuel, and the unborn child (if a son), £50 apiece; payable to each as Samuel arrives at the age of fourteen. The remainder to my children, boys and girls alike: to Elijah, John, Samuel, Esther, Mary, Rachel, Pheby, and the one yet unborn; payable to them, that are of age, as soon as Samuel arrives at age above mentioned; and the rest as they come of age. Should my wife die or marry before Samuel is fourteen, then my executors shall pay each of my sons, £75 apiece. The remainder unto all my children alike. What is bequeathed unto my loving wife Jane is in lieu of dower. I make my good friends, Miles Oakley and Jonathan Griffen Tompkins, and Jane Crawford, executors.

Witnesses, Samuel Lyons; Benjamin Lyons, yeoman; Sarah Oakley. Proved, June 12, 1783.

Page 101.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARTIN BEEBE, yeoman, of Kings District, Albany County, being very sick and weak in body. I leave to my well-beloved wife Dorcas, one third part of my real and personal estate within said district; for her use during life. Soon after my decease, an inventory shall be taken of all my estate, by my executors; at their discretion sufficient to be disposed of to pay debts due from my estate (except those accounted as belonging to my son David). After said settlement and deduction of one third part for my wife, the remainder to go to my children: David, Martin, Russel, Daniel, and Anne, Rhode, Mary, Sarah, Silva Triphena, and Loriania;

two parts to each son; one part to each daughter; payable within one year to each son after he is twenty-one, and within same term after each daughter is eighteen. What of my estate my two daughters, Anne and Rhoda, have received since their marriage, shall be reduced out of what they receive. Unto my son-in-law, Ezra Parks, certain rights of land transferred to me by a certain Class in Col. William B. Whiting Regiment, of which Class Joseph Brimhall was the head. Unto my four sons in equal shares, two Rights of land to be laid out, the south side of the Mohawk River. A Bible shall be purchased by my executors, for each son and daughter, to be given to them as soon as they arrive at years of discretion. I recommend my wife and sons and daughters to show themselves obliging, kind and benevolent in contributing to the comfort and support of my aged and honoured parents. I make my wife Dorcas, my loving brother, John Beebe, and Asa Waterman, executors.

Dated May 16, 1783. Witnesses, (Rev.) John Stevens, Samuel Curtis, Pat. Hamilton. Proved, June 1, 1783.

Page 103.—I, BENJAMIN FERRIS, of the Borough Town of Westchester, Westchester County, being very weak of body. My executors to sell all my houses, lands and tenements in said Borough, as soon after my decease as convenient, except one lot of my homestead called the Robert Lot, with a small lot called the Mill house patch, 4 rods x 4 rods, for a burying-place, where the burying-place now is; together with 10 acres of my best woodland in Frog's Neck. All which I leave to my wife Sarah while my widow, to support my children. At her death or marriage, my executors to sell all lands given to her; the proceeds of sale to go to my children in equal shares. Also, unto my widow, one negro girl named Esther; unto my daughter Elizabeth, one negro girl called Silbey; unto my daughter Sarah, one negro girl named Tamar. Also, unto

my widow, all my cows, one pair of oxen and cart; together with such household goods as my executors shall think proper. The remainder of my moveable estate to be sold at public vendue; proceeds to pay my just debts, and of what remains to pay my son James, £100; any further remainder to go to my widow and children. I make my wife Sarah, my brothers, Uriah Field and Josiah Quimby, executors.

Dated November 25, 1777. Witnesses, Josiah Quimby, Moses Quimby, Mercy Honeywell. Proved, June 30, 1783.

Page 104.—In the name of God, Amen. The fifteenth day of December, 1762. I, ELIAS CLAPP, yeoman, of North Castle, Westchester County, being at present in poor health. All my just debts and funeral charges and other expenses to be paid by my executors out of my moveable estate in some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my son Henry, £5; to be paid by my executors as his full share of my estate, with what he had already; it being in full bar as to his claim as eldest son. Unto my son Joseph, the negro boy called Bram (which he has now the use of), as his full share. Unto my son Benjamin, £50, out of my moveable estate, over and above what is given herein. Unto my two sons, Benjamin and John, all the remainder of my moveable estate in equal shares. Likewise, to them, all my lands, meadows, and tenements, both in North Castle and in Greenwich in the Colony of Connecticut; and be my said lands in both Governments more or less in quantity, they are to be equally divided in quantity and quality. Whereas, I advanced and allowed my two said sons several sums of money to be employed in the way of trading, they are to share equally in what is gained or lost in trade. I make my two sons, Benjamin and John Clapp, executors.

Witnesses, John Hallock, of Cortlandt's Manor, miller; John Clapp, Thomas Clapp. Proved, June 30, 1783.

Page 106. *Translation of will in Dutch:*

March 15, 1773. CHRISTIAEN MYER of Kingston, Ulster Co., farmer "weak in body, but in the unimpaired possession of my understanding and senses." Son Willem Myer to receive for his "right of primogeniture" three pounds of N. Y. money in advance. The testator's six sons, Willem, Johannis, Staphanis, Benjamin, Petrus & Tobias to receive each one seventh part of his real estate in the corporation of Kingston. The three children of his deceased son Christiaen, named Annaetje, Christiaen and Benjamin, to receive one seventh part of testator's real estate. "It is my will and desire that the aforesaid heirs of my said estate shall pay from said real estate to the heirs of my daughter Marytje, deceased wife of Heronemus Valkenburgh, the amount of hundred pounds N. Y. money, out of which amount of £100 my said daughter Marytje and her husband have already received from me a certain amount of money, as can be seen from an account kept of the same by me, which sum is to be deducted from the £100 to fall to her heirs." £100 to be paid to heirs of deceased daughter Christina. Said heirs [not named] had already received certain advances as per account, to be deducted from said £100. Further £90 N. Y. money to be paid to heirs of deceased daughter Cattriena, amounts advanced to be deducted. £100 to be paid to daughter Geertje, wife of Hendrick Fiero or her heirs, after deduction is made of the advances to Geertje, and her husband. Daughter Marytje had children (not named). Daughter Cattriena had child (not named). Daughter Geertje mentioned but no children. Children of daughter Christina (not mentioned). Said unnamed children to inherit one eleventh part of the personal estate. The old slave named Coff is not to be sold "but shall be free to choose with which of my children he desires to live, I desiring that he shall be treated well during his life on account of his faithful service."—Wife not named in will. Executors, said sons, Willem, Johannis

and Staphanis Myer and the testator's friend, Johannis Snyder.

Witnesses, Arent Winne, Petrus Backer. Testator made his mark. Proved, May 8, 1783.

Page 108.—In ye name of God, Amen, this second day of January, 1778. I, MATTHIUS VOLLINTINE, of Yonkers, Westchester County, being sick of body. All my just debts to be paid after my decease. I leave to my son, Thomas Volintine, all my salt meadow, one negro boy, and all the profits of the farm I now live on. Also £410 of which £110 unto my daughter, Dorothy Warner; a like sum unto my daughters, Sarah Archer and Jane Fowler; unto my grandson, James Volintine, £40; a like sum unto my grandson, Elijah Volintine. The remainder of my estate to be equally divided between my son Thomas and my two grandsons, Gilbert and his brother, Abraham Volintine, in proportion to any loss. Said Gilbert and Abraham Volintine to pay out of my estate to their four sisters, Dorothy, Susana, Anna, and Sarah, £25 each, or in proportion to any loss. Should any of said granddaughters die before any division be made, then the said sums are to be equally divided among the survivors then living. I make my loving son Thomas, and Gilbert Volintine, executors.

Witnesses, Robert Rhead, Stephen Bartine, Samuel Sneden. Proved, June 24, 1783.

Page 110.—I, NATHANIEL SMITH, of Smithtown, in the Province of New York, being sick and weak in body. I leave to my wife and my son Jacob, all my moveable estate equally between them; they to pay my three daughters, Ruth, Dorothy, and Sarah, severally as they are eighteen years old, £100. Unto my son Jacob, all my lands and tenements, which are east of the road from Philetus Smith's to the head of Smithtown River. Unto my son Elkanah, all my lands and hereditaments on the west side of said road, with all

the privileges and appurtenances. I make Epenetus Smith and Jeffery Smith, executors.

Dated September 27, 1777. Witnesses, Epenetus Smith, Jeffery Smith, Job Smith, junior, all of Smithtown, yeomen. Proved, July 10, 1783.

Page 111.—Know all men by these Presents, that I, JACOB SMITH, of Smithtown, Suffolk County, being this first day of June, 1783, sick and in a very weak state of body. All my just debts to be paid by my executors; they to sell my lands, which I bought of Caleb Smith and Adam Babcock, lying on the south side of my other lands, containing about 150 acres; likewise, a piece of thatch meadow near the point which I bought of Aaron Smith, containing 16 acres. Should these be insufficient to pay my lawful debts, then additional sale to be made of sufficient moveable estate. The remainder for the use of my wife Puah in bringing up my children; Also, unto her, the use of all my remaining lands and meadows, on condition that she will suitably bring up and maintain all my children until my eldest son is twenty-one, in case she continues my widow so long. Unto my son Othniel, all my remaining lands, on condition that he pays each of my other children, Violette and William Clark Smith, £50, payable when he is twenty-one. Should he die in non-age I bequeath unto my son, William Clark Smith, all said lands, on condition that he pay £100 to my daughter Violette when he is twenty-one. I make my uncle, Aaron Smith, and my brother, Abner Smith, both of Smithtown, executors.

Witnesses, John Alleben, junior, of Brookhaven (cordwainer); Josiah Glover, Jeffery Smith. Proved, July 3, 1783.

Page 112.—In the name of God, Amen. I, GEORGE DUNCAN, junior, late of Northcastle in Westchester County, merchant, being of sound mind and memory. I order £200 out of my estate for a lot of land for the

use of my father and mother during their natural lives; after their decease to fall to my sister, Elizabeth Duncan. I leave to my said sister, £25 directly, after my decease. Unto my brother, Mompesson Duncan, £200, he paying an annuity of £10 to my parents. Unto my brother Michael, a like sum, he paying a like annuity to my parents or either of them. Unto my sister, Frances Byvank, £100; like sums to each of my sisters, Ann Berbon and Martha Lawrence, they each paying an annuity of £5 to my parents. The remainder of my estate to be put on interest for the use of my brother, Warman Duncan, and his wife; receiving the interest during their natural lives towards their support. After his death to be equally divided among his children. I make my brother, Mompesson Duncan, my sisters, Frances Byvanck and Ann Berton, executors.

Dated September 26, 1766. Witnesses, Thomas Simonton, Thomas Stillwell, and Cornelius Cooper, of Rumbout Precinct, yeoman. Proved, April 15, 1783.

Page 114.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ISRAEL KNIFFIN, being weak in body, this eighth day of July, and in the seventh year of Independence of the thirteen States of America, A.D., 1783. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. My personal estate to be sold immediately after my death (except what is bequeathed) and the proceeds of sale, after debts are paid, to be put to interest. Unto my loving wife, two feather beds and bedding, one large cupboard, six chairs, one table, one looking glass, six pewter plates, two platter knives and forks, three basons, six spoons, three iron pots, one copper kettle, with the remainder of my household furniture, three cows, ten sheep, four hogs, one riding horse, side saddle and bridle, she taking her choice. Unto my daughter Elizabeth, the interest of £100 in gold or silver during life; at her death the principal to be equally divided between her children. Unto my grandchildren, Israel and Abraham Kniffin, my son

Jonathan and his wife, Catharine Kniffin's children, £50 in gold or silver, to be put at interest by my executors; payable as the children come of age. My loving wife to live on my farm until my sons, Israel and Samuel, come of age; they being taught to read, write and cipher, and, as soon as possible, to be put out to trades. At their majority, my farm to be sold; the proceeds to be equally divided among my four sons: Daniel, Lewis, Israel, and Samuel, they paying £5 apiece to their mother while my widow. The remainder of my personal estate to be equally divided among my four sons, if any be left. Should the proceeds of sale be insufficient to pay said legacies, then sufficient is to be taken from the money arising from the farm. My wife to use the farm as she thinks proper for her and the two youngest sons' support until they are of age. Should my wife Esther marry before that time, she is to have no benefit of said farm, but it is to be rented as my executors think proper for the benefit of my two sons, Israel and Samuel. I make my good trusty friends, my brother, Lewis Kniffin, and Jeremiah Cooper, executors.

Witnesses, Jeremiah Cooper, physician; Petrus Bogardus, yeoman, both of Rumbout Precinct; Henry Vanvoorhis. Proved, August 25, 1783.

[NOTE.—This will was probated in Dutchess County; it is the first will having reference to the Independence of the American colonies.]

Page 115.—In the name of God, Amen. I, NEHEMIAH CARPENTER, late of Jamaica, Long Island, but now a resident of Goshen, Ulster County, blacksmith, being weak in body. My family debts contracted at Goshen and funeral charges and doctor's bills, etc., to be paid out of my moveable estate excepting one bedstead and bed furnished, one cow, one hog, one large pewter platter, nine plates, three pewter basons, four chairs, two chests, two little spinning wheels, one large spinning wheel, which I leave to my wife, Priscilla Carpenter, for

her use. The remainder of my moveable estate, after my debts are paid, to be put at interest for the benefit of my loving wife, while my widow. Whereas my late father-in-law left a legacy to my wife, I give the same to my wife during her life; at her death, to be equally divided among my surviving children. With respect to my freehold estates, lying in Jamaica on Long Island, the same are to be disposed of, and after my just debts due thereon are paid; the remainder to go to my sons, Nehemiah and Nicholas, two-thirds; and my daughters, Phebe and Sally Carpenter, one third of said remainder. What other estate I may be possessed of, in like manner and proportion. I make my beloved Priscilla, my loving sons, Nehemiah and Nicholas Carpenter, and my loving friend, Israel Smith, executors.

Dated June 16, 1783. Witnesses, Joseph Carpenter, Amasa Mathews, John Kortright, of the Precinct of Goshen. Proved, July 25, 1783.

Page 117.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSEPH THEALLOF, yeoman, of the town of Rye, Westchester County, being sound in mind and of a good perfect memory, this fifteenth day of February, 1783. I leave to my loving wife Sarah, £200; to be paid out of my moveable estate, together with all my household furniture, excepting a bilsted round table, a looking glass, and a bed with its furniture, which did belong to my former wife, Also, for her use and that of the family, all the provisions that shall be in my house at the time of my decease. Further, unto her, the use of one-third part of my lands and dwelling house while my widow, provided she do and shall be at half the charge of supporting my two children, Margaret and Susanna, until they respectively come of age, or are married. Unto my son Joseph, the other two-thirds of my lands, as well as the one third my widow shall use, or after her decease, provided he pay the legacies hereinafter given. Unto my sons, Edward and Thomas, each, £100, payable as they are twenty-one. Unto my

daughters, Anna, Margaret and Susanna, £40 each, payable as they are of lawful age or at marriage. Said legacies to be paid by my son Joseph at appointed times, towards the help thereof he shall have the residue of my moveable estate; should he neglect to make said payments, then he is to have £5 in full bar, being my heir at law. I make my loving wife Sarah, and my son Joseph, executors. My son Joseph further to bear one-half the charges of supporting my daughters, Margaret and Susanna, until they are of age, or marry.

Witnesses, Thomas Theall, Joshua Purdy, junior, both of Rye, yeomen; George Harris. Proved, August 6, 1783.

Page 119.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSHUA BISHOP, yeoman, of the Manor of Phillipsburgh, Westchester County, being far advanced in years. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my wife Mary, my negro wench named Jin, my negro man Jacob, for life; at her decease, my said negroes to have the liberty to choose their masters, and my executors to sell them to such as they shall choose. They are also, to maintain my wife Mary with good and sufficient meat, drink, washing, lodging, and apparel, and all other things necessary, as long as she shall live out of my estate, in a decent comfortable manner. Unto my grandson Ezekiel Bishop, £50, out of my moveable estate, after my wife's decease. Unto my wife's grandson, Evert Brawn, a like sum at like term. My grandson, Samuel Lawrence, with the consent of my landlord, Col. Philipse, to have and enjoy the farm I now live on; Also, a piece of salt meadow, which I hold under Col. Philpse, lying at Tappen. The remainder of my whole estate, after my wife's decease, in equal shares unto and amongst my grandchildren, namely: Margaret, Jane, Elijah, Nathaniel, Thomas, Elizabeth, and Matthias Volentine, children of my late daughter, Isabel Volentine, the late wife of Thomas

Volentine. I make my son-in-law, Thomas Volentine, and my grandson, Samuel Lawrence, executors.

Dated August 23, 1775. Witnesses, Cornelius McCarthy, Henry Taylor, of Phillips Manor, yeoman; and Henry Preshre. Proved, July 28, 1783.

Page 120.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL COOKE, physician, of Pokeepsie Precinct, Dutchess County, being weak in body, this third day of May, 1783. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid within some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my well-beloved wife Temperance, one equal third part of my real estate for life, and in lieu of dower; Also, all moveable estate in my possession which was given her by her father at our marriage or at any time since. Also, one equal sixth of all my personal estate (except a depreciation note herein willed to my son, William Hodges Cooke). Unto my said son, in fee simple, one equal fourth of all my landed estate in Dutchess County or elsewhere; Also, said note amounting to near £100; Also, one sixth of my moveable estate (except what is willed to his mother). Unto my sons, George Whitefield Cooke and Samuel Cooke, like portions of my real and personal estate, in like manner. Unto my daughters, Temperance and Anna Cooke, an equal eighth of my real estate and one sixth of said moveable estate, in like manner. Should any of my children die under age or without lawful issue, or a conveyance made, such children's portions shall be equally divided among their survivors. I make my wife and my well-beloved friend, John Bailey, Esq., executors.

Witnesses, William Terry, tailor, Sebre Fish, hatter, both of Poughkeepsie Precinct, James Livingston. Proved, August 18, 1783.

Page 122.—In the name of God, Amen, April 4, 1779. I, BENJAMIN FARRINGTON, of Mile Square, Westchester County, being very sick and weak in body. I

leave to my dearly beloved wife Susanna, all my household goods and one cow and one horse. My lands and tenements to be sold when my son Benjamin comes to age in May, 1795. Then unto my loving wife, and my daughters, Sarah, Elizabeth, Jane, and Mary, £25, payable by my executors out of my estate. Unto said daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth, when they are eighteen. Unto my three loving sons, James, Joshua, and Benjamin, the remainder of my estate in equal shares. Unto my eldest son James, two horses, my farming utensils, and shoemaking tools. One third of my leather in the tan and out of the tan to be sold by my executors; all my book debts to be collected and £30 in cash to pay all my just debts and funeral charges. Should either of my sons die before twenty-one his part is to be divided equally among the other two. I make my loving friends, Thomas Volentine and Gilbert Volentine, executors.

Witnesses, Stephen Bartine, James Valentine, Cornelius McCarthy. Proved, August 4, 1783.

Page 123.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM RAYNOR, yeoman, of Rumbout Precinct, Dutchess County, being sick and weak in body. I leave to my loving wife Margret, £100, to be raised out of my estate as I direct. Also, two of my best feather beds and furniture, one milch cow, one leather trunk, one cupboard, one looking glass, one dozen pewter plates, six platters, and basons, six chairs, one table, one iron pot, one kettle, and such other small things as will be necessary to keep house. All my lands and tenements to be sold to the best advantage at the discretion of my executors; likewise, all my remaining moveables not given to my wife. My just debts to be paid, then the £100 to my wife. The remainder of my estate to be equally divided between my three children, namely: Jacob, John, and Martha. Should either die before coming to age, then his or her portion is to be equally divided between the surviving children. My

wife to have the use of all my estate until the children are sixteen years old, for the support and education of the children. My executors to put my two sons out to trades, if they think fit, when they are sixteen; Also, to put the net proceeds of my estate out at interest for the benefit of my children; always taking land security of at least double the value. I make my trusty friends, Jacob Griffen, Ambros Lattin, Richard Southward, executors.

Dated September 22, 1776. Witnesses, Ambrose Latting, yeoman, of said County; George Van Nostrand; Zephaniah Platt, Esq., of Poughkeepsie. Proved, May 15, 1783.

Page 125.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CHRISTIAN WILLIAMS, daughter and surviving heiress of Thomas Applin, heretofore of Shepton Mattet, Somerset County, Kingdom of Great Britain, clothier, deceased; and now the wife of Henry Williams, citizen and draper, of London, but at this time of the Oblong in Paulings Precinct, Dutchess County, Esq. Whereas, by a certain agreement and settlement made before my marriage, with my said husband power was reserved unto me during his lifetime (notwithstanding my coverture), to make a will and devise certain specific parts of my real and personal original fortune to such persons and in such ways as my will shall direct. And whereas, In love, duty and affection to my said loving husband I did long since personally attend on one of the Judges of the Court of Kings Bench at the Summer Assize in the City of Bristol, and did then and there freely consent and declare my desire to suffer a fine and recovery to pass on all my real estate, in due course of law to bar the Intale (if any thereon); Now, therefore, I, wife of said Henry Williams, agreeable to and in execution of the powers reserved to me make this will revoking all others in word or writing. I leave unto Leader Cox of Brinton Causeway in the County of Surrey, in England, Esquire, five guineas

sterling, to buy him a ring. Unto his sister, Mary Cox, a like sum for same purpose. Unto Lionel Watts, schoolmaster, the son of Mary Humphries, now or late the wife of Thomas Humphries, of Shepton Mattet, wire-drawer, ten guineas sterling. Unto my loving husband, Henry Williams, in the fullest, free, and most ample manner, all the remainder of my real and personal estate in Europe or America. I make my loving husband, executor.

Dated January 9, 1779. Witnesses, Catherine McConnel, wife of Hugh McConnel, of Rumbout Precinct, saddler; Isaac I. Salmon, John Keating. Proved, May 22, 1783.

Page 126.—In the name of God, Amen. This twenty-seventh day of May, 1776. I, ISAAC GUION, junior, cooper, of New Rochelle, Westchester County, being weak in body. My executors to sell my houses and lands at discretion by public or private sale, within six months after my decease, that I have in New Rochelle; and Also, such of my moveables not herein disposed of, within some convenient time after my decease, and pay my just debts, funeral charges and other expenses in selling my estate, out of the proceeds. The remainder to be given as follows: The house to be for my wife's use. At her decease or marriage, it is to be sold at public sale. Unto my said wife Mary, the choice of my best bed and its furniture; and of one of my milch cows; the small house that stands by the post road in New Rochelle, bought of Charles Telford, while my widow. After my estate is sold and my just debts and funeral charges be paid, my executors are to put at interest, £300; the interest to be paid annually by my executors to my loving wife for her support while my widow. Unto my eldest son, Isaac Guion, the third, £50, to be in full bar of claim as heir-at-law. Unto my daughter Elete, the wife of Joseph Purdy, £30. Unto my daughter Rachel, wife of Thomas Rafter, £30, and a negro boy named Abram. Unto my



daughter Mary, wife of James Colswell, £40, and a negro girl named Philice. Unto my daughter, Agnes Guion, £50, and a negro boy named Michael, a feather bed and furniture. Unto my daughter, Easter Guion, £50, a feather bed and its furniture, and a negro wench called Jude. In case either of my said daughters should die under age, and without lawful issue, then her part is to be equally divided between the survivors. Unto my two youngest sons, Thomas Guion, and Frederick Sovirine Guion, in equal shares, all the remainder of my estate, with the £300 invested for my wife excepted. My executors to pay their part severally after my wife's decease or marriage. Whereas my son, Frederick Soverine Guion, is absent and gone over sea, and not been heard of for some time past, if dead, or should die under age, and not leave lawful issue; should my son Thomas die without lawful issue, their or either of their parts to be equally divided between my surviving sons. I make my loving wife Mary, and my two brothers, Abraham and John Guion, all of Westchester County, executors.

Witnesses, Hannah Bloomer, Sarah Horton, and Gilbert Bloomer, of Mamaroneck, Esquire. Proved, April 28, 1783.

Page 129.—In the name of God, Amen. I, GILBARD PATE, of the County of Ulster, being weak of body, the fifteenth day of September, 1777. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors out of my personal estate at some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my loving wife Elizabeth, the remainder of my personal estate, with the house and lands I now live on, lying in the Counties of Ulster and Orange, or elsewhere, until my youngest child shall be twenty-one, should she continue my widow. When my said youngest child is twenty-one my executors are to sell all my said lands, and divide the proceeds in this manner: Unto my wife, if a widow, £100; my three daughters, Mary, Anny, and Hannah, £40 each. All

the remaining proceeds to be equally divided between my two sons, William and Stephen. I make my loving wife, my loving brother, Stephen Pate, and my good friend, Samuel Arthur, executors.

(Signed)

GILBERT PEET.

Witnesses, John Nicoll, of New Windsor Precinct, Esquire; Benjamin Thorne, Timothy White. Proved, June 4, 1783.

[NOTE.—In the probate Elizabeth Wood is mentioned as executrix.]

Page 130.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM STEVENS, yeoman, of Paulings Precinct, Dutchess County, being weak and infirm of body. All my just debts, together with my last sickness and funeral charges to be paid by my executors out of my moveable estate in some reasonable time after my decease, out of the money in the loan office. I leave to my beloved sons, namely: Gidens, Samuel, Thomas, and Ephraim, one silver dollar each, to be their full portion out of my estate because I have given them their portion heretofore, to their full satisfaction. My children, namely: William Stevens, Keziah Reynolds, Hannah Shearman, Deborah Parks, and Roger Stevens, to have an equal share of the value of that farm that I bought of Rouger Stevens, lying on or near Otter Creek in the State of New Hampshire; and also of the money that I have in the said office after debts and claims are paid; which money I have deposited in the office of the United States at interest, as by certificates will show to be at interest in the public Treasury. I desire it to remain there for five years; afterwards to have the interest added to the principal, and with the value of the land to be divided as follows: My son William having already had £140, with this to have his equal share; my well-beloved daughter, Keziah Reynolds, and her two sons, namely: Zebulon Soule and Ebenezer Soule, to have an equal part in equal shares, which will be one fifth part of said sum; Also, my beloved



daughter, Hannah Sherman, having had £100, it is to be reckoned part of her equal share; Also, my well-beloved daughter, Deborah Parks, having had £55, it is to be reckoned as part of her equal share; Also, my well-beloved son, Roger Stevens, to have an equal share of said whole sum. Roger Stevens, of whom I bought my land at Otter Creek, upon paying the money that I gave for the land, principal and interest, and what cost may be made to me, or my heirs, for said land, is to have the title of said land conveyed back to him. If he should not redeem the land, and if he can't have that land, then my executor is to pay to him £200 as soon as it can reasonably be collected for the land, or for interest out of the Loan Office, in part of his share, to be laid out for him at the discretion of my executor, and my son to receive it when he comes of age. Each of my children to be made equal with what they already had in the value of the land and money aforementioned. Unto my well-beloved wife, Mary Stevens, one third part of the farm and dwelling house whereon I now live; one third part of all buildings and improvements, and of my moveable estate, my household goods, and stock of every sort of creatures, farming utensils and tools. The other two third parts, and the remainder of my estate, unto my four beloved children, namely: Lydia, Susanna, Mary, and Joseph Stevens, excepting money, notes and bonds or debts due; all which are to be divided amongst my other children that have not had their portions. My wife to have improvement of my farm, and what is above given her, until my son Joseph is twenty-one, and then he to have his equal part. My wife to bring up the children born to us and left to her care, to give them common learning at the expense of their portions of my estate. What I have given my beloved wife is to be in lieu of dower. Should my wife marry again, the last mentioned children or their guardians, if under age, to have their said two thirds equally between them. Should either die before receiving their respective por-

tions, my wife and surviving children shall share them equally. My executors to pay out of my moveable estate what is justly due to Gideon Sheldon for his damage of my keeping his money in my hands. I make my faithful and trusty friend, Elder Samuel Waldo of the aforesaid precinct, executor.

Dated March 22, 1783. Witnesses, John Robinson, and Ebenezer Mors, of Dutchess County, yeomen; Abner Chase. Proved, August 19, 1783.

Page 133.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL BARNES, yeoman, of the Township of Rye, Westchester County, being in some degree of health of body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be first paid by my beloved wife Sarah and my beloved sons, Stephen and John, whom I make executors. I leave to my beloved wife Sarah, the best room in the house, and the black mare, and saddle, a cow, a quarter part in the Purchase, while my widow. Also, a bed and furniture. Unto my two daughters, Deborah Clap and Jerusha Undriel, £20 each. Unto my son Joshua, a certain tract of land in Charlotte precinct in Dutchess County, containing 100 acres; said tract I had of my son Samuel. Unto my two granddaughters, Patience and Charity Underhill, £10 each. Also, unto my beloved son Samuel, £6. Unto my two sons, Stephen and John, all my estate of lands in the purchase, in equal shares, provided they pay the above legacies out of my moveable estate as far as it will go. There lies something in the hands of William Deen, the executor to father Deen, and Samuel Deen has in his hands. If my executors can get it, it is to be equally divided among all my children. Should John die a minor, leaving no lawful issue, then his part is to be equally divided among my surviving children.

Dated August 16, 1782. Witnesses, David Halsted, Solomon Haviland, Richard Barnes, of Harrison's Purchase, in said County. Proved, June 13, 1783.



Page 134.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DANIEL WHITE, physician, of Westchester, being sick and weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors; they are to sell all my real and personal estate (except my Plate and Books, which I give to my wife), said sale to be made after my son Daniel is twenty-one, if my wife should live so long. Should she die before his majority, then my executors are to sell at any convenient time; proceeds of sale to be divided between my wife (if living), and all my children; to be paid to my sons, Daniel and Theophilus, when they are twenty-one respectively, and to all my daughters when they are twenty. Should there be any woodland, my executors, if they think it for the advantage of my wife and children, are to purchase the same during my son Daniel's minority. What I have given to my beloved wife is in lieu of her thirds. If any of my children die before the specified ages, having lawful issue, such issue shall have the share of its deceased parent. "I give my negro wench Hagar and all her children under three years of age at the end of the present American war free forever." My executors to put out to service all my other negroes under twenty-one years of age, in the best manner (except such as my wife shall want for her service); all to be free at twenty-five years of age, except my negro boy Ben, as I purchased him, he to be free at twenty-seven. I make my beloved wife Euphemia, my beloved son Daniel and daughter, Phebe White, my loving brother Ebenezer, and my friend and brother-in-law, Theodorus Bartow, executors.

Dated September 1, 1781. Witnesses, Gilbert Oakley, Josiah Quinby, Theophilus Bartow, of Westchester, yeoman. Proved, August 15, 1783.

Page 136.—In the name of God, Amen. This fifth day of April, 1773. I, Christopher Isinghartt, blacksmith, of Harrison's precinct, Westchester County, being at present in good health. All my just debts and

funeral charges and other expenses to be paid by my executors out of my moveable estate in some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my loving wife Sarah while my widow, the possession and benefit of one equal half of my farm and profits and to live in either of the rooms in my house as she shall choose. Also to her two feather beds, two cows and one horse. My son Christopher to have the use and benefit of the other half of my farm lands, house and tenements while my wife remains my widow. At her marriage or decease then the whole said real estate to go to my said son Christopher. Further unto my wife Sarah, my negro boy called Lewee, during her widowhood. In case my son Christopher should die without issue, before his mother, then at her decease, said estate to be sold, the proceeds equally divided among my three daughters, viz.: Charity Purdy, Anne Hubbs, and Sarah Lynch. Unto my daughter, Anne Hubbs, £10, out of my moveable estate. My negro boy called Cockas unto my daughter, Sarah Lynch, which she hath had long ago in possession. Should my negro boy Lewee outlive my wife, he shall belong to my son Christopher; Also unto him, my blacksmith's shop and tools. Debts, charges and legacies being paid, the remainder of my estate to be equally shared by my two daughters, Charity Purdy and Sarah Lynch. Should either die before the division, her children are to share their mother's portion. I make my loving wife Sarah and my son-in-law, Joseph Purdy, executors. My wife to have also, as many pots, kettles, etc., as she shall reasonably want, during her widowhood.

Witnesses, Glorana Hallsted, now Purdy, of Harri-son's purchase; Josiah Fowler, Jno. Carhartt. Proved, September 17, 1783.

Page 137.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CALEB OAKLEY, of Westchester, Westchester County, being weak in body. I leave to my two grandsons (sons of my son Benjamin, deceased), £20 each. Should either

die before twenty-one, his part to be equally divided between my sons, John, Caleb, and Miles. Unto my son John, £5; unto my son Caleb, £100, with all my cattle, horses and hogs; unto my son Miles, £50. Unto my daughter Elisabeth, wife of Willet Dean, all my household goods. Provided if my estate should be insufficient to pay the within legacies after debts and charges be paid, a reduction to be made from each legacy; any overplus to be divided equally amongst all my children. I make my true brother, Miles Oakley, and Gilberd Oakley, executors.

Dated September 29, 1781, and in the twenty-first year of His Majesty's reign. Witnesses, David Oakley, Mary Buckbee, of Westchester, Edward Buckbee. Proved, August 14, 1783.

Page 139.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ARCHIBALD LITTLE, of Oxford, Orange County, being weak in body. I leave to my loving wife Susanna all my household and kitchen furniture, except my wearing apparel; Also, my streaked back cow and £600 to be paid by my executors. Unto my two brothers, Joseph and John, £2,000, each. My brown coat and vest, my blue coat and streaked vest, my new leather breeches and beaver hat to be equally divided between my said two brothers. My executors to put out at interest their said £2,000 each, for their use and at their risk. Should either or both of my brothers die without an heir, and before they respectively are twenty-one, then what I have bequeathed above is to be divided equally between all my brothers and sisters and my wife Susanna, if then my widow. Unto my brother James £1,000; unto my brother Timothy, £400; unto my three sisters, Hannah, Mary, and Sarah, £100 each. I make my brother-in-law, Seth Marvin, and my brother, James Little, executors.

Dated May 10, 1780. Witnesses, Elihu Marvin, Esquire, of the Precinct of Cornwall; Samuel Racket, Sarah Little. Proved, August 29, 1783.

Page 140.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN A. BRINCKERHOFF, yeoman, of Rumbouts, Dutchess County, calling to mind the mortality of my body. All my just and lawful debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors out of my estate. I leave to my true and loving wife Elizabeth, £100, levied out of my estate. Unto my beloved son Abraham, £150 that his grandmother, Phemmetye Bloom, willed him. Unto my beloved sons, George and Isaac, £100 each. The rest of all my estate to be equally divided amongst my six children (save £5 to my daughter Phemmetye, that her grandmother willed her), namely: Phemmetye, Abraham, Elizabeth, George, Isaac, and Dirck. My widow to remain in full possession of all my real and personal estate till my oldest son is of age, if she remains my widow; to have one bed and bedding in same term. Should she marry before my son's majority, then the estate is to be sold. If she does not marry, it is to be sold and divided among my six children. My three eldest sons to be put out to learn trades, if they choose. My son Dirck I leave to my beloved brother, Dirck Brinckerhoff, at his discretion to put him to what trade he wills. I make my true and loving brother Dirck and my true and loving brothers-in-law, Stephen and George Brinckerhoff, and my trusty and loving friend, Jacobus Swartwout, executors.

Dated November 25, 1774. Witnesses, Cornelius Wiltse, John Smith, and William Algar, of Rumbout precinct, yeoman. Proved, October 8, 1783.

Page 142.—In the name of God, Amen. I, STEPHEN BRINCKERHOFF, of Rumbouts precinct, Dutchess County, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. My wife to remain in full possession of my tenements, goods and chattels until my son John is of full age. Until then, all my children to be maintained, clothed and schooled at my executors' discretion, out of the profits of my estate. At my son John's majority, my wife to have £200. Should she

die before said money is paid, then it is to go to my two daughters, Meritay and Alty in equal shares. If she remains my widow, she shall enjoy said £200; if she should marry, then she is to have but £100, with one bed and bedding and a cupboard. The monies hired of Samuel Waldron be paid to my son John and Maryta my daughter when they come of age, or marry, at the discretion of my executors. Unto my daughter Alty, £100; to be taken first out of my moveable estate. Unto my son John all my fast estate and one riding horse. He shall pay out of my real estate unto my two daughters £50 each in two years' time after my decease. The remainder of my moveable estate to be divided equally between my two daughters. I make Richard Vanwyck and George Brinckerhoff, gentlemen, executors.

Dated September 10, 1776. Witnesses, John Luyster and Zacharias Bush, both of Rumbout precinct, yeomen; William Barkens. Proved, November 27, 1779.

Page 144.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ISAAC TELLER, farmer, of Rumbouts precinct, Dutchess County, being sick, but of perfect mind and memory. My funeral charges to be first paid, then all my debts by my executors out of my personal estate. I leave £300 good money in gold and silver, one horse, saddle and bridle, two milk cows, and one negro wench named Dine, unto my wife Sarah; payable out of my personal estate. If this be insufficient, then after sale of personal estate sufficient to be raised out of my real estate to pay the legacy. Likewise unto her, one feather bed, bedding, bedstead and furniture complete. Unto my loving son Jacobus, £100. The legacy to my wife is in lieu of dower. The remainder of my real and personal estate unto Oliver, Deborah, and Mary Teller, Isaac Depeyster Teller and Jacobus Teller, equally alike. Should either of said children die a minor, his or her portion to be shared equally by the surviving

heirs. Should my daughters marry, and have no issue, and die, if the legacies be not paid, then her legacy is to be divided equally among the surviving heirs. My son Jacobus's legacy to be put to interest. Unto my loving wife, one good riding chair, to be bought by my executors. I make my loving friends and Oliver Teller, Martin Wiltsie, Peter M. DeBois, and Jeremiah Cooper, executors.

Dated September 5, 1783, and in the eighth year of our Independence. Witnesses, Mary De Peyster; Jeremiah Cooper, of Dutchess County, physician; Martin Wiltse. Proved, October 14, 1783. .

Page 145.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM MONTGOMERY, now of New Windsor precinct, late of New York, being weak in body, on the first day of September, 1779. After all my just debts and funeral charges are paid, I leave to my loving friend, Margaret Montgomery, daughter to Samuel Montgomery, merchant in Armagh, Ireland, £50 sterling, to be paid as soon as can be collected if Mr. Andrew Thompson of Newry in Ireland has not paid the same. If he did pay, then the said £50 is to remain to be divided among my brethren as hereafter mentioned. Unto my cousin William (son to Mr. John Montgomery), my silver watch. After my brothers, Joseph's and James's two bonds are given up, to each of them the remainder part of my real and personal estate (except what moveables are in Mrs. Lightbody's) to be equally divided among my four brothers, John and Joseph, James and Robert Montgomery. If I die in Mrs. Lightbody's house, then unto Elisabeth Lightbody, my feather bed, bolsters and pillows. Unto Mrs. Agnes Lightbody, One hundred Dollars, my looking glass, candlesticks and small China. Unto said Margaret Montgomery (daughter to said Samuel Montgomery), one large China Bowl not cracked, and one small diamond ring. I make my two brothers, James and Robert Montgomery, executors.

Witnesses, William Edmonston, of New Windsor precinct, Ulster County; Gabriel Lightbody, of Cornwall precinct, Orange County, yeomen. Proved, December 2, 1783.

Page 147.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ENGLETTIE SCHEPMOS, of the City of New York, widow of Johannes Schepmos, late of Ulster County, deceased; being aged and infirm. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my granddaughter, Anne De Graw, one bed, two bolsters, two pillows, one spotted rug, one trammel, one pair iron andirons, one pair brass candlesticks, and all my wearing apparel. Unto my son, John Van Housen, £15 to be paid as he may have occasion for it at the discretion of my executors; Also, £10 more, which I order my executors to keep until the death of my son, towards his funeral charges. Unto John Van Housen, son of my son, Volkert Van Housen, £40, and one spotted coverlid. Unto my granddaughter, Agnes Osborn, £25. All said sums to be charged upon my dwelling house and lot of ground hereafter described. Unto my said son, John Van Housen, the possession of the cellar kitchen, of the house I now live in, for life. My house and lot of ground and appurtenances situate in the North Ward of the City of New York, fronting William Street, and adjoining to the lot of Anne De Graw (reserving the cellar kitchen), unto William, Jane, and Anne Thompson (children of my granddaughter, Anne Thompson, deceased), subject to the payment of the above legacies. I discharge my son, John Van Housen, from all sums of money owing to me. I make William Thompson, of the City of New York, mariner; Isaac De Graw (husband of Anne De Graw), and Garret Van Horne, of New York, merchant, executors.

Dated May 9, 1763. Witnesses, John King, of City of New York, mason; Jacob Funck, Albert V. Nordstrant. Proved, December 9, 1783.

Page 149.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WATERS SMITH, gent, of Jamaica, Queens County, being in perfect health, I order my estate, real and personal to be sold by executors. I leave to Deborah, my dearly beloved wife, £1,000, payable as follows: £250 within one month; the like sum within one year; the like sum in the second, and in the third year. A certain bond which I have against Benjamin Field, junior, and his mother, shall be accounted as part of said £1,000. Likewise unto my wife, my negro wench named Hester, my best bed and furniture, my clock, silver tankard, and as much of my best household furniture as will be sufficient to furnish one room. All which legacies are in lieu of dower. Unto my daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Betts, £200, within one year after my decease; Also, my silver cream pot, silver sugar basket, and silver salts provided she relinquishes all her claims in my estate. Unto my sister Elizabeth (wife of William Forbus), my silver bowl, and the yearly interest of £400; after her death the said £400 to such of my said sister's children as may be living at her decease; in equal shares. Unto my nephew, Waters Forbus, £500, to be put at compound interest, until he is ten years old, then my executors to put him to a Latin school; sufficient yearly interest to be applied for his maintenance and learning. But if this be insufficient to carry him through college, then so much as is necessary for this purpose shall be taken from the principal. Should he die before he comes to lawful age, or marrys, then same to go to all his surviving brothers and sisters in equally shares, and paid them as they respectively come to lawful age, or marry. Unto my niece Elizabeth Forbus (daughter of my said sister Elizabeth), £200, to be paid when she is of lawful age. Unto Samuel Smith, son of my brother Samuel, £100, payable at his majority or marriage. Unto Waters Field, son of Stephen Field, £100. Unto Samuel Forbus, son of my sister Elizabeth, £200. My wife's legacy to be paid at the specified times in money if sufficient be in the hands

of my executors; if there be not, then to be paid in good bonds assigned over unto her. The remainder of my estate to go as follows: One half unto my brother, Melancton Smith; the other half unto all my brothers and sisters, namely: Elizabeth Forbus, Samuel Smith, Melancton Smith, Benjamin Smith, Israel Smith and Mary Smith, in equal shares. I make my wife Deborah, my brother Melancton, my cousin, Talman Waters, and my friend, Robert Hinchman, executors.

Dated August 30, 1773. Witnesses, Joseph Robinson, of Jamaica, Esquire; John Thurston, William Thurston.

Codicil. I, WATERS SMITH, of Jamaica, Queens County, this 30th of August, 1773, make this codicil. Whereas I have given several legacies to certain children, and no mention is made of what shall be done with the interest, accruing until said legacies are paid, I declare that such interest is to be paid at the same time and manner as the said legacies.

Witnesses, John Thurston, Joseph Robinson, William Thurston. Proved, December 11, 1783.

Page 152.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL SMITH, of Jamaica, Queens County, being in health of body. All my estate, real and personal, to be sold by my executors at their discretion in some convenient time after my decease. My just debts and funeral charges be first paid. I leave to my well-beloved wife Elizabeth, my best bed and furniture. Six silver spoons, marked N^EE., my large looking glass and my linen to be equally divided between her and my daughter Mary. Also unto her, my wife, the use of £250 during life and while my widow. At her decease, or marriage, the said sum to my sons, Samuel, Melancton, Benjamin, and Israel, in equal shares. Unto my daughter Elizabeth (wife of William Forbus), six silver spoons marked A W E; to be delivered after my decease; Also, £25 to be paid as soon as may be after sale of my estate. Unto my eldest son, Waters,

£5, to be paid after sale. Unto my daughter Mary, £90, after sale. Unto my son Benjamin, £100, after sale. The remainder of my estate unto my sons, Samuel, Melancton, Benjamin, and Israel Smith, in equal shares. I make my said four sons or any three of them, executors.

Dated February 9, 1775. Witnesses, Joseph Robinson, of Jamaica, Esquire; Samuel Messenger, Daniel Smith. Proved, December 11, 1783.

Page 154.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MATTHIAS SWAIM, of Staten Island, Richmond County, this second day of October, 1782. My just debts and funeral charges to be paid out of my personal estate. My executors to sell my lands and meadows (except the 9 acres of salt meadow fronting the land of Justis Bedell and the land that I have of Proall's patent; and all my personal estate). Unto my loving son, Matthias Swaim, the above excepted land; should he die without issue, the said meadow shall be equally divided between my surviving children. Unto my loving daughters, Cat-tren, Mary, and Elisabeth, all my personal estate, or the proceeds of sale of it, together with proceeds of sale of land and meadow, in equal shares, payable as they respectively come of age. I make my loving brother, Simon Swaim, of said County; and my loving friend, Israel Bedell, of the City of New York, executors.

Witnesses, Joseph Wood, yeoman; John Van Pelt, cordwainer, both of Richmond County; Jacob Rezeau. Proved, December 20, 1783.

Page 155.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DANIEL GAUTIER, of the City of New York, carpenter, being in good health of body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. I leave to my son Andrew, all my wearing apparel, both linen and woolen, and all my tools with the benches and implements belonging to my trade, and the value of £10 of stuff taken out of what

I leave at my decease. Also, the choice of one of my guns and sword. Unto my daughter Mary my large black walnut cupboard. The remainder of my real and personal estate to my wife Mary (until the youngest of our children, as shall be living at the time of my decease, shall be twenty-one), for the maintenance of herself and our children during their minority. When the youngest is of age, then, unto my wife, the one full third of all my personal estate for her own use and the other two thirds of my moveables with all my real estate as shall then be remaining, unto the child or children living when my youngest is of age, equally to be divided among them. In case my wife and my executors, or any two of them, shall think it necessary to sell part of my real estate, they are to sell all that tenement and parcel of ground, in the South Ward of the City of New York, which I bought from David Cosart; Also, that house adjoining to the house in which I live with the ground, the same ground I purchased from Captain Kip and Alderman Van Renst, and belonged formerly to Cornelius Boomer; or either of my said properties. I make my wife Mary, and my esteemed friends, David Clarkson and John Chambers, both of the City of New York, gentlemen, executors.

Dated March 18, 1739. Witnesses, Ann Chambers, William Bogart, Lancaster Green. City of New York, proved, January 8, 1747, before Goldsbrow Banyar, Esquire. Letters of administration were granted to Peter Webbers, of the City of New York, grocer, and Catharine his wife, on December 26, 1783, his wife Mary (qualified executor), and David Clarkson and John Chambers having died.

Page 157.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ISAAC FILKINS, of Charlotte precinct, Dutchess County, being weak in body, this sixth day of August, 1781. My daughter, Lane Filkins, to be maintained out of the Place where I now live with my son Peter. I leave to

him, 100 acres of land where I live after the decease of my daughter Lanah. Unto my son Isaac, 16 acres of land where he now lives. The remainder of my goods and personal estate unto all my children, Henry, Peter, Abraham, Isaac, Jacobus Filkins, and Joseph Hicks and Enuck Lester, in equal shares. I make my beloved son Peter, and my friend, John W. Allen, executors.

Witnesses, John W. Allen, and Reuben Sarles, both of Dutchess County, yeomen; Catrin Allen. Proved, December 22, 1783.

Page 159.—In the name of God, Amen. I, NICHOLAS ROOSEVELT, merchant, of the City of New York, but now in Richfield in the State of Connecticut, being in good health of body. After all just debts and funeral expenses be paid, I leave to my loving wife Sarah, the income of my real and personal estate until my son James is twenty-one, or marries, provided she remains my widow; said income to be for the maintenance of my wife and the bringing up of my son James and all other children I may hereafter have by my said wife. Unto my wife, all that dwelling house and lot of ground in Peck's Slip, City of New York, next adjoining the house wherein I formerly lived; Also, the use of the household goods, kitchen and other furniture while my widow, except such furniture and plate as she brought to me. My son James to pay my wife £500 at majority, to be accepted by her in lieu of dower. After this sum is paid out of my estate, the remainder of my real and personal estate unto all my children, born before or after my decease, in equal shares. Should my son die in non-age, without lawful issue, and no other child or children be living heirs, then all my estate to go to my wife, provided she pays the following legacies: unto my uncle, Peter Brush's (deceased) children, £200 in equal shares; unto my aunt, Eliz't Brush (deceased) son Richard, £100; unto the Ministers, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch

Church, £100 towards repairing the North Church. I make my loving wife Sarah, my uncle, Isaac Roosevelt, and cousin, Peter Byvanck, executors and guardians of all my children.

Dated August 21, 1781. Witnesses, Ann Byvanck, Joseph Bull and Evert Byvanck, of said city, merchant. Proved, December 30, 1783.

Page 161.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PHILIP HALSAPLE, yeoman, of Claverack, Albany County, being very sick and weak, this ninth day of November, 1777. All my just debts be first paid as soon as convenient. My well-beloved wife Gertruy to be full owner and Master of my real and personal estate while my widow; to maintain herself and my lawful children. I leave to my two daughters, Maregret and Mary, at death or marriage of my wife, all my real and personal estate. If I should have a child born after my decease, of which my wife is now pregnant, if a female, to be an equal joint heir with my said two daughters; if a male child, then he is to be the only heir to said estate when my wife dies or marries, and when my daughters come to full discretion. I make my loving father, Johannes Halsaple, and Hendrick Klapper, executors.

(Signed)

“PHILLIP HOLSAPPEL.”

Witnesses, Richard Esselstyn, Esquire, and Michael Horton, Captain, both of Claverack; and Henry Zeibel. Proved, September 16, 1783.

Page 162.—*Translation of will in Dutch:*

January 6, 1783. FRANCIS HARDICK JR., of Claverack, Albany Co. “Weak of body but of strong and perfect memory and of good understanding.” His son, William Hardick, to receive five shillings sterling for right of primogeniture. All real estate to go to three sons: William, Pieter, and Daniel Hardick, each an equal share. Six daughters: Anna Catharina, Maria, Elizabeth, Annatje, Margarieta, Gerritje, each to re-

ceive £10 out of the estate. Daughter Anna Catharina to be supported and have the use of the house as long as she remains single. Testator's wife, Margarita Hardick to remain in possession as long as she remains his widow. Wife Margarieta Hardick, sons William and Pieter Hardick, guardians, executors and administrators.

(Signed)

FRANCIS HARDICK JR.

Witnesses, Justus H. V. Hoesen, Gerrit Hardick, Stephⁿ V. Dyck. Proved, September 19, 1783.

Page 164.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ROBERT HUNTER, yeoman, of the Precinct of Shawangunk, Ulster County, being sick and weak in body. After all my just debts be paid I leave to my loving wife Anne a horse and saddle suitable for her to ride, her bed and its appurtenances, including all that she brought to my house at marriage; Also, £15 out of my estate, together with the sum payable unto her from her father, James Neely, by Bond, so as the whole may amount to £50. My farming utensils to my two sons, James and John, in equally shares. The remainder of my moveables (books, bedding and what is specifically given away, excepted), to be sold at public vendue, and money owing to me at time of my decease to be collected in. Whereas I have already paid my son David, £200, formerly willed to him, £212 of the proceeds of said sale and collections be paid unto all my children by my wife Anne (John excepted) in equal shares. As soon as it is in hand, it is to be put at interest to assist in bringing up my younger children until my son Samuel is twenty-one, or at my executors' discretion; the remainder, after said £212 is paid or applied, to be equally divided among all my children, James and John excepted. Unto my son James, all the farm whereon I now live, he paying my sons, William, Matthew, Robert and my daughter Lilly, £212 in equal shares, within eighteen months after my decease, provided my son Robert be then the age of twenty-one.

Likewise, my son James to pay unto all my children by my wife Anne (John excepted), £105, at said term and in like manner, provided the messuage is in his possession. Unto my son John, my messuage and farm on the west side of the Dwarf's Kill, lying between the farms of David Crage and Jan Crispell, he to pay the rest of my children by my wife Anne, £160 in equal shares. My wife to have the sole use of last mentioned messuage for life, or during widowhood; then to go to my son John. Should any of my children by my wife Elizabeth die (James excepted), before this will come of force, or without lawful issue, then the shares of them so dying to go to the surviving, in equal shares. If any of my children by my wife Anne should die (John excepted) before majority or day of marriage, the legacies to be divided in like manner. All my books shared by my sons as most agreeable; my beds and bedding among all my daughters (Lilly excepted). My wearing apparel unto my children, and not to be sold; likewise my saddle and guns. Whereas I have given to my daughter Lilly sundry articles to the value of £10, exclusive of her bed and bedding, said sum is to be deducted from her portion of my moveable estate. I make Matthew Rea, Esquire, and my son James, executors.

Dated November 22, 1775. Witnesses, Edward Neely, of the precinct of New Windsor, farmer; George Knox, of the precinct of Schwangunck, weaver; James Fulton. Proved, June 17, 1783.

Page 166.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JONATHAN HASBROUCK, merchant, of New Burgh, Ulster County, being in good health. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors out of my personal estate as soon as convenient after my decease. I leave to my well-beloved wife Tryntje, for her own support and that of my children, and their education, until they respectively are twenty-one, the use and profit of my real and personal estate; and until my youngest son,

Jonathan, is twenty-one. Should my wife marry within that time, then she is to have one bed and bedding, her choice of one of my negro wenches, and all my household furniture in lieu of dower. Unto my two daughters, Rachel and Mary, £500 each payable when my then youngest son is twenty-one. Unto my three sons, Cornelius, Isaac and Jonathan, my lands and all other real estate in New Burgh, Ulster County, or elsewhere, as tenants in common, in fee simple; together with the residue of my personal estate, in equal shares, when the youngest of them is twenty-one. Such of my sons as are living when my youngest son is twenty-one, shall pay, in consideration of their portions in my estate, unto my wife Tryntje (if then my widow and unmarried), an annuity of £20 on the first day of May, during said widowhood; my said two daughters, for the same consideration, to pay an annuity of £10 on same date, and for like term. As the 500 acres of land which I lately bought of the executors of Peter Rensen, deceased, may lie in a dead and unprofitable state to my sons, not yielding anything equal to the interest of the money I gave for it, nor raising in value equal thereto, I authorize my executors, at their discretion, to sell or dispose of all or part of the same; to invest the proceeds on good security until the majority of my youngest son; then the principal and interest to go equally to my three said sons. I charge all my real estate devised to them with the payment of the legacies bequeathed to their two sisters, and the annuity to my widow. I make my wife Tryntje, my brother, Abraham Hasbrouck, and Joseph Gasharie, Esquire, and my son Cornelius, executors.

Dated November 24, 1772. Witnesses, His Excellency George Clinton, Esquire; James Gregg, Captain in the First New York Regiment; George Denniston.

Codicil. Whereas I have since purchased a tract of land of James Delancy and others, such lands shall be enjoyed by my three sons, Cornelius, Isaac and Jonathan, as my other lands.

Dated July 20, 1776. Witnesses, Robert Hunter; William Hunter, of the precinct of New Windsor, farmer; Siah Robinson. Proved, December 21, 1782.

Page 170.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PETRUS SMEDES, miller, of the Green Kill in Kingston, County of Ulster, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding. I leave to my dear beloved wife Catharina the use of my real and personal estate for life, excepting what I desire my son Petrus to enjoy; that is, he shall have the land, house, barn, mill-stones, bolts and bolting cloath, etc., with the use of the water of the mill-dam; he to keep the mill in order for the use of my wife during life. Unto my said son, all my real estate, with the above described moveables, and seasoned wood or boards, after my wife's decease; Also, my blacksmith's tools and one half my wearing apparel; Also, the free commonage and liberty I have in the land of Charles Broadhead (late deceased), now in the possession of Charles de Witt. My son Petrus, in consideration of the bequest of real estate, to pay one half of my just debts. Unto my daughters, Geritje, Sarah, Elizabeth and Jackamytje, each one sixth part of my personal estate. Unto my grandchildren, equally (the children of my daughter Magdalena, deceased), one sixth part; unto my grandchildren (children of my daughter Catharina, deceased), the remaining sixth part of said personal estate in equal shares. The personal estate given to my four daughters and aforesaid grandchildren to be chargeable with the payment of the other half of my debts. My executors to render an inventory of the same when demanded by any daughter or grandchild. I give my good faithful and honest Harry the eldest, his absolute freedom after my own and my wife's decease; my son Petrus to provide a reasonable support in clothing and diet for my good man Harry during his life, to answer all the seasons of the years, and the rest of my heirs with my son Petrus, three shirts, one pair of Makesons, three

pair stockings, two linen breeches, two pair shoes, yearly; one waistcoat and one jacket every two years, and one great coat every three years; my executors to see this performed. Whereas my son has received his portion of me in the purchase of a farm at Shawngonk, he is to have only the one half of my wearing apparel. Unto my daughter Jackamyntje, my large cupboard and large looking glass. Unto my grandchildren (children of my son Benjamin), John, Petrus, Jacob and Elizabeth, each, £25 payable after the decease of myself and wife. My eldest, Thom, to have liberty to choose a Master if not choosing to live with any of the children; Also to Hono, the same liberty. If there be debts by bonds, bills or notes or any other specialties of money due, and money remaining after my just debts are paid, the remainder to be equally shared by my eight children, namely: Peter, Gerritye, Sarah, Elizabeth, Jokamyntje, and the grandchildren of Magdalena, and of Catharina, and of my son Benjamin. My youngest, Harry, liberty to choose one of my son Benjamin's children to live with; the one chosen is to pay £80 to said children in equal shares. I make my loving wife Catharine, and son Petrus, and grandson, Coenradt I. Elmendorph, and friend, Albert Pawling, executors.

Dated February 1, 1783. Witnesses, Johannis Van Wagenen, junior, Petrus Van Wagenen, junior, and Jacob Van Wagenen, of Hurley Town, Ulster County, farmers. Proved, October 13, 1783.

Page 172.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHAN URY ELIGH, farmer, of the Beaver Kill, Ulster County, being very sick and weak. I leave to Catherine, my dear and loving wife, £50; Also, one tea kettle, one trammel, two pewter tea pots, six China tea cups and saucers, one pewter sugar box, one pewter milk pot, three pewter plates, six glass bottles, one pewter chamber pot, one little flat pot, and one small skillet, one small pewter bason; Also, all her Cloaths of

woolen and linen, also the cloth of linen and woolen except what is given to my eldest daughter, Elese-bath's heirs; Also, her feather bed and four blankets and everything belonging to the bed. All which she is to have for life, while my widow. After her death, the money left in her hands is to be equally divided among my two sons, Andries and Jacob and to my three daughters. My wife to have £4 from both my sons, Jacob and Andries, as an annuity. Unto my eldest son, Andries, for his birthright, one cross-cut saw, the value of £1, 5s.; Also, the farm whereon he now lives, lying on the Caters Kill in the County of Ulster; he paying to his three sisters, Elizabeth, Chatarina, and Margriet, or their heirs, £30 each, out of his estate. Unto my son Johannes, during his life, the farm now possessed by his wife, lying on the Blue Mountains, County of Ulster; after his death, to his only son William. Should my son Johannes die before his wife, she is to have the benefit of said farm so long as she is his widow. Unto my son Jacob, the farm whereon he now lives, lying on Beaver Creek in said county; he paying to his three sisters £20 each out of his estate. Unto the six heirs of my daughter Elizabeth, one woolen sprea, one calico sprea, three sheets and two toe blankets, one iron stove, two pair and-irons, one tong, one shovel, one hang iron, one iron tea kettle, in equal shares. Unto her youngest heir named Sarah, one brass bed pan; unto the said six heirs five Barrick bolts and nine drag teeth, in equal shares; Also, £150 (including £60 lent to her husband, making it £90), which net sum is to be levied out of my bonds, notes and book debts, and equally distributed. Unto my two daughters, Cathrena and Margriet, £150 each. Any overplus to be equally paid to my sons, Andries and Jacob, the heirs of my daughter Elizabeth, and my two daughters, Cathrena and Margriet. I make my son, Andrie Eligh, and my true and trusty friends, Adam Beer and Jacob Moure, executors; they to sell that piece of land at Freehold in the County of Albany

(which I bought of Johannes Becker); the proceeds to be equally shared by my two sons, Andries and Jacob, and my three daughters, Elisabeth, Chatrina, and Margriet, or their heirs. If any of my children have a mind to purchase the land at Freehold, they shall be entitled to the land for £100.

Dated December 6, 1780. Witnesses, Wilhelmus Rouw; Geysbert Diederick, and Peter West, both of Sagerties, in said County, farmer. Proved, September 2, 1783.

Page 175.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HENRY CRIST, yeoman, of Montgomery precinct, Ulster County, being weak in body, this 26th day of July, 1783. I leave to my loving wife Ann, a room in the house I now live in, and a comfortable maintenance out of my real estate, while my widow; and a riding creature. Unto my oldest son, David, one half of my real estate in this precinct, he paying £25 out of the same to my youngest son, Henry, when of age; and also discharging all my lawful debts. The remaining half of said estate to my second son, Adam, to enter on the same when of age, he paying my son Henry a like sum at same time. "David and Adam raising and schooling, etc., all my girls and youngest children out of my real estate; and also give Johannis Crist, my wife's son, a riding creature, worth eight or nine pounds, when of age, provided he continues with them." "They doing as above directed are to hold the same with all appurtenances," as tenants in common. The residue of my personal estate to my daughters, Hannah, Elizebath, Mary, Eva, Ann and Sally, in equal shares, except so much of the grain in the barn necessary for supporting the family one year, and three milch cows for the support of the family. I make my good friends, Stevonis Crist, Johannis Millar, and Abraham Crist, executors.

Witnesses, Johanes Newkerk, and Jost German, John McKinstry both of said precinct, farmers. Proved, September 17, 1783.



Page 176.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM ELIGH, farmer, of the West Camp, Ulster County. I leave to my sister Margriet's oldest son, Johannes Fearo, for his birthright, ten shillings. Unto Jeremiah, eldest son of Andries Eligh, all my freeholds, lands and tenements whereon I now live, together with the house, barn, etc. Unto Margriet, my wife, £50, payable within six months after my decease; and sufficient meat, drink, washing and lodging allowed out of my real estate, while my widow; Also, one feather bed, bolsters, pillows and bed-clothes; all her clothes and cloath of linen and of woolen; one trunk. Unto Rachel, wife of Hezekiah Dubois, for her good care and service, £20, payable within said term; likewise sufficient provisions and lodging, out of my estate, during her life; Also, one good milch cow. Unto William, son of Johannes Eligh, £5; unto my brother's sons, namely: Andries and Jacob Eligh, £3 each to buy them mourning. Unto William and Sophia Rushel (eldest children of Ludwigh Rushel), £2, 10s. each. Unto Jeremiah (son of Andries Eligh), the residue of my chattels, bonds, book-debts, etc., and of my personal estate, after debts, funeral charges and legacies are paid. I make my true and trusty friends, Andries Eligh and Jacob Eligh and Peter West, executors; they to have sufficient wages for their trouble.

Dated August 14, 1782. Witnesses, Petrus Maurer, of West Camp, farmer; Adam Bacerr or Baar; Jacob Musier, of West Camp, farmer. Proved, October 15, 1783.

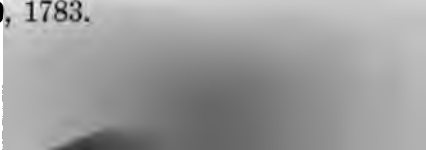
Page 178.—I, SAMUEL HALLOCK, of New Marlborough precinct, Ulster County, being infirm in body. I order the Bounds of my land to be settled by my executors. All my just debts and just incumbrances on my lands by former mortgages to be paid. Unto my beloved wife Sarah, the use of my real and personal estate while my widow. If she, with the advice and assistance of my other executors, shall judge it best or

think it necessary at any time to sell any or the whole lands for to pay debts or mortgages, it is to be done. The balance of my estate, after payments are made, to remain in my wife's hands to deal out at her discretion unto any of my children as need may require, so long as she is my widow. If she marries "she to take up with a good horse and saddle, a good bed and furniture and £100." My estate to be divided into ten equal parts: Elijah and John Hallock to have equally between them, four parts; Ama Sands, Phebe, Deborah, Forster, Clemment, and James Hallock, to have the remaining six parts equally. After such partition, Forster and James to receive the interest of their respective shares until they come of lawful age. They to be put to suitable trades. An account to be kept of what Ama Sands may have had before the distribution, and to be considered as part of her portion. What my wife Sarah may deal out discretionarily is also to be deducted from my children's respective portions. Ama Sands to be charged with £60 advanced. "If Friends conclude to build a meeting house on the three acres of land which I proposed to give for that purpose, and was viewed by a Committee of Nine Partners Monthly Meeting, I order that at such time as they shall build said house for their security that my executors or heirs give such a deed as shall secure Friends to hold such land free and clear." I make my beloved wife Sarah, with my trusty friends, John Young, Nehemiah Smith, Caleb Merritt, and Benjamin Anthony, executors.

Dated December 27, 1782. Witnesses, John Moore, of New Marlborough precinct, farmer; Thomas Hallock; John Moore, junior, of said precinct, farmer.

Codicil. Any one or more of my executors to have full power and lawful authority to sell lands or give conveyance; to collect debts, and every other thing to complete my will.

Dated January 20, 1783. Witnesses, John Moore, and John Moore, junior, of said precinct, farmers. Proved, October 30, 1783.



Page 180.—In the name of God, Amen. This thirteenth day of July, 1777. I, LEWIS McDONALD, of the Town of Bedford, Westchester County, being sick and weak of body. My just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my second son, Lewis, 10 acres of land I bought of the executors of Isaac Miller, deceased; my gun, sword, gold sleeve buttons, and watch, with one bed and furniture, and spurs. Unto my oldest daughter, Sarah, wife of Peter Fleming, £1,500 out of my moveable estate, and my silver tankard and six large silver spoons. Unto my son Daniel's children, namely: James, Lewis and Joseph, £300 each; Sarah and Rachel, £150 each; payable in one year after my decease, the natural parent or guardian giving security that the sons shall receive their portion with interest at the age of twenty-one each; the daughters at eighteen. If either should die before receiving their portions, the legacy is to be divided among their survivors out of my moveable estate. Unto my son James' children, namely: James, Alexander and Lancelot, £300 each; Nancy and Sarah, 150; in like manner and under same conditions as above. Unto my grandson, Lewis Holmes, £200; unto my granddaughter Catharine, wife of Jesse Holly, £300, out of my moveable estate, and six silver tea spoons and a pair of silver tongs. Unto my granddaughter Mary, daughter of John and Catharine Thomas, £700 within one year after my decease, under same security and conditions as above. In case Kathrine have more children the legacy is to be divided among them all; in case none arrive at age to receive their portions, their mother is to receive the interest during life, and then to return to be equally divided among all my grandchildren. Unto my three sons, Daniel, Lewis, and James, the remainder of my estate, real and personal, not before disposed of, in equal shares. I make Doctor Peter Fleming and Lewis McDonald, executors.

Witnesses, Gilbert Budd; John Forman; Ezra Wil-

son, of Bedford, physician; Abijah Harris. Proved, October 23, 1783.

Page 182.—In the name of God, Amen. The twenty-sixth day of April, 1782. I, JOSEPH MERRIT, yeoman, of the Township of Rye, Westchester County, living in the street called Hogpen Ridge, being of sound body, mind, memory, and understanding. My funeral charges and expenses to be paid by my executors at some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my well-beloved wife Ruth, all my household furniture, except one bed and its furniture; Also, the use of my real and personal estate towards the maintenance and education of my under-aged children. When they are of age, or if my wife should remarry, then she is to have all my household furniture and wearing apparel, except what is above specified. Before any division, unto my daughter Ann, the excepted bed, etc., and £60. My executors to sell all my real and personal estate at publick or private sale, at discretion; the proceeds and money outstanding on bonds, etc., unto my children, namely: Nehemiah, Daniel, Jotham, John, and Lot, in equal shares. My sons, Nehemiah and Daniel, having had of me each a horse and saddle, both shall have £10 less than the others. I make my two friends, Samuel Brown and Joseph Carpenter, and my beloved wife Ruth, executors.

Witnesses, Christopher Bennet, and Jonathan Guion, of Westchester County, yeoman. Proved, November 1, 1783.

Page 185.—In the name of the God of Israel, I, MATTHIAS GOMEZ, merchant, of the Township of the Northern Liberties, County of Philadelphia, in Pennsylvania, being sick and weak in body. To be decently interred according to the order of the Jews. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid at some convenient time after my decease. I make my loving mother, Deborah Gomez, my brother-in-law, Moses



Gomez, and his son Daniel, executors. I leave unto my four children, Deborah, Isaac, Esther, and Benjamin, in equal shares, when they respectively are twenty-one years old, two third parts of a tenement and lot ground on Queen Street in the Fly in the City of New York; Also, two tenements and lots on Golden Hill in said city; Also, one undivided half part of a distillery house and lot, with the stills and utensils, on Ferry street in said city; Also, my house and lot on said Queen Street, which was devised to me by my late father, Isaac Gomez, deceased, after the decease of my mother Deborah. Unto my eldest son, Isaac, my Sepher, or five books of Moses, written on parchment, with Rimomims or ornaments of silver. My executors to let or demise all my real estate during the minority of my children for the best rents; these to be applied to the support of my loving mother Deborah, in lieu of an annuity of £150 given to her for life by my late father; Also, for the support and education of my children in non-age. Should the rents be insufficient, then my executors are to sell all or any real estate in the City of New York for the best prices, the net proceeds to be for the above purposes. The residue of my estate unto my four children, at majority, in equal shares. I make my executors guardians of the persons and estate of my children in minority.

Dated April 20, 1781. Witnesses, Walter Bicker, of the City of New York, hatter; Samuel Cowperthwait, Thomas Franklin, junior. Proved, January 2, 1784.

Page 187.—The last will and testament of me, JACOB GRIFFEN, of the White Plains, Westchester County, made this ninth day of June, 1777. All my just debts and charges of burial to be paid by my executors out of my movable estate at some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my well-beloved wife Sarah, the best bed in my house, with four pair of sheets and two pair of blankets, four pair of pillow cases, two cover-

lids, one down bed, covering, and a set of curtains and the cupboard that was her father's, one looking glass, one chest, two smoothing irons, and my pocket watch, and £10. Likewise, the use of my house where I now live in, the White Plains, all my houses and lands in Harrison's purchase, and the remainder of my moveables, while my widow; to be in lieu of dower. At her decease or remarriage, my executors to set up my dwelling house and farm and that at Harrison's purchase, at publick vendue, and sell them and the remainder of my moveables given my wife during widowhood; the proceeds of sale to go as follows: Unto Sarah, wife of Owen Stringham, £15 payable six months after sale; unto my two brothers, Ezekiel and William, all my wearing apparel (except my pocket), in equal shares. After the above legacies are paid, the balance of the proceeds to be divided into four equal parts, one to be paid to each, my daughters, Winnifred Purdy, Catherine Bates; another part to be divided into eight equal parts, and paid one each, to Griffen Wiledy, Joseph Wiledy, Jacob Wiledy, Anna, wife of James Hammond; Elizabeth, wife of George Combs, all being the children of Thomas Wiledy that he had by my daughter Sarah; one eighth to Sarah, wife of Thomas Lynch, and an eighth to be equally divided between Judah, widow of Thomas Wiledy, and Stephen Maybee, now living with me, in lieu of his personal service; the other eighth I put into the hands of John Bates, my son-in-law, to help my negro man Ichabod when he grows old, or is sick, or other ways disabled. The remaining fourth part to be divided between my grandchildren, William, Jacob, and Henry Fowler, and their sister's two oldest children, and Benjamin Griffen (my brother Caleb's son), that is: Jacob, Henry and Benjamin, to have £10 apiece more than William; the two abovementioned oldest children together to be equal to William. **Benjamin's part to be put to use;** the interest paid him yearly until he is thirty-five, then with the principal, provided he reforms, and my ex-

ecutors think he will make good use of his portion, they may at any time pay the whole if most to his advantage. I make my beloved wife Sarah, and my sons-in-law, Samuel Purdy and John Bates, executors.

Witnesses, Margreet Gedney; Gabriel Lynch, of White Plains, yeoman; Benedict Carpenter.

Codicil. Whereas I, willed my nephew Benjamin, a certain sum of money with proviso and restrictions; and also gave to my negro man that was, but is now set free, a legacy in custody of John Bates; my will now is: that my son shall receive his legacy when my estate is settled; the negro man to his legacy when Benjamin receives his. My grandson, Samuel Purdy of Phillips Burgh to be an additional executor to my will.

Dated September 2, 1778. Witnesses, John Jackson; Stephen Maybee, of White Plains, cordwainer; Benedict Carpenter. Proved, November 13, 1783.

Page 190.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PETER HAUCK, yeoman, of Knieskern-dorph, Albany County, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors. I leave to my eldest son, Henrick, £10 for his birthright. Unto my dear and loving wife Christina, for the term of her life, this house wherein I dwell, all furniture, and all lands lying in different places, on both sides Schoharry river. After her death, the same lands and houses to my three sons, Henrich, Peter, and Jacob; my eldest son to be the nearest to the land, and have the first offer to it that he shall pay in a reasonable time to his two youngest brothers; together with such a sum of money as two or three chosen and elect good men shall appraise as an equal third part to pay each of his brothers. My three sons to share all my horses and horse yieldings, all my farming utensils, as waggons, sleds, plows, harrows, tackling, furniture, axes, hoes and other implements of husbandry. Unto my daughters, Anna, Elizabeth, and Catrine, £50 each, payable by my executors immediately after my decease. The

£20 loaned to my daughter Anna to be deducted. My two daughters, Elizabeth and Catrina, or either, being young, my executors to grant out of my personal estate, as good and sufficient out-set as Anna had, or the money value of the same. Unto my three daughters, together, all my household stuff and furniture in my dwelling house, all my cows, sheep, and saws, etc., in equal shares. I make my loving two brothers-in-law, Doctor Jacob Werth and Peter Endors, executors.

Dated January 6, 1777. Witnesses, Henrich Semor, Caspar Krieslaer, George T. Reinhard, schoolmaster. Proved, July 23, 1783.

Page 191.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN BOGERT, of the City of New York, gentleman, being at present in perfect health. I leave to my son Jacobus, £25, as being my eldest son. Unto my beloved wife, as per marriage contract, wherein she releases her dower in my estate, an annuity of £100 during her widowhood, to be paid by my executors in lieu of dower. My executors to put sufficient money at interest out of my personal estate (and proceeds of sale of real estate if the former be insufficient), to produce such annual income. Unto my sons, Peter and Henry, £500 each. The remainder of my estate, including the investment for the annuity to my wife, after her death to go to my sons, Jacobus, Cornelius, Peter and Henry, and my daughters, Ann and Mary, each an equal seventh; the income of the remaining seventh part for the support of my son Nicholas during life. My executors to sell my real estate at publick or private sale to pay legacies and annuity, and repair deficiencies. Such sums of money as any of my children or sons-in-law owe me on book, bond or otherwise, to be deducted from their shares or from their wives' shares respectively. I make my sons, Cornelius, Peter, and Henry, and my friend, Benjamin Kissam, executors.

Dated April 4, 1782. Witnesses, Henry Mitchell;



James Burling, of said city, breeches-maker; William Cock. Proved, January 9, 1784.

Page 194.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN BARCLAY, Mayor of the City of Albany, being weak in body. I leave to my beloved wife Margaret, all real and personal estate which she possessed before marriage; Also, my gold sleeve buttons, two gold rings, silver tankard, silver mustard pot, two silver salt sellers, one silver tea canister, and the use of the residue of my whole estate, while my widow. Unto Charlotte, wife of David McCarthy, the household furniture I had by my first wife; only to be possessed after the death or remarriage of my wife Margaret. Upon the contingencies, unto Charlotte, Peter, and Jonas, children of John Jonas Bronch, lately deceased, £100 each. Unto Charlotte, wife of Condradt Ten Eyck, and Peter Ten Eyck, son of Andries Ten Eyck, each £100. At the death or remarriage of my wife, unto the children of my brother, Andrew Barclay, lately deceased, one half of the remainder of all my estate; the other half to the children of my late brother, Henry Barclay, deceased. Whereas my brother Andrew was in my debt by bond for £500 with interest, said principal and interest to be deducted from his children's portion. Each of my slaves and servants, to wit: Ishmael, Sam, Frank, Catrene, and Sair, to have liberty to choose their own masters and mistresses when sold any time after the death or remarriage of my wife, or, if my executors choose, any time before. I make my beloved wife Margaret, Peter Gansevoort, and John M. Beekman, executors.

Dated January 30, 1779. Witnesses, Henry R. Lansing, gunsmith; Robert Wendell, Mat: Visscher. Proved, June 20, 1783.

Page 196.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WESSEL VAN SCHAICK, of the City of Albany, merchant, being sick and weak in body. All my just debts, if any, and

funeral expenses to be paid by my executors. I leave to my beloved wife Mary, the use of my whole estate, while my widow; if necessary any parts to be disposed of for the maintenance of herself and her family. At her death or remarriage, all my real and personal estate unto my sons, John G. Van Schaick and Gerrit W. Van Schaick, and to my daughters, Mary Van Schaick, and Catherine, wife of Peter Gansevoort, Esquire. Whereas my son, John G., is indebted to me by bond with condition for £989, 5 pence, 3 farthings, payable without interest after the decease of my wife; and my son-in-law, Peter Gansevoort, by two several bonds, of £90, 7 pence and £157, 1 shilling, 6 pence, without interest; these sums are to be considered part of my personal estate and be divided as above. Any child remaining unmarried, and by her consent living with my wife during her widowhood, and supported by her, shall make no compensation to the rest of my children. I make my wife Mary, and my daughter Mary, my sons, John G. and Gerrit W. Van Schaick, and Peter Gansevoort, executors.

Dated December 16, 1782. Witnesses, Jacob Van Schaick; Abraham Eights, of Albany, sail-maker; Robert Yates, Esquire; one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the State of New York. Proved, October 2, 1783.

Page 198.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ROBERT BLOOMER, of Rye, Westchester County, being weak in body. I leave to my loving wife Elizabeth, the choice of one bed, bedstead, and a complete set of furniture. The residue of my whole estate, to be sold by my executors at time and in manner as they think best. My just debts and funeral charges to be first paid out of the proceeds; then my executors to pay unto my wife Elizabeth, £150, to be in lieu of dower; Also, out of the same, unto my dear daughters, Levina and Phebe, £5 each; unto my dear daughter Elizabeth, £10; payable as soon as raised out of my estate: The residue of said



proceeds unto my six dear sons, Robert, Reuben, Isaac, Monmouth, Elisha and Anderson, paid in equal shares as they severally arrive at age of twenty-one. The profits of my estate, until the sale, be employed for the support of my family; my son Robert to have his equal share of the profits. I make my loving friends, Joseph Willson and Samuel Brown, of Rye, yeomen; and William Brundige, of Greenwich in Connecticut, executors.

Dated September 29, 1776. Witnesses, Joseph Merritt; Nehemiah Sherwood, of the State of Connecticut, yeoman; Timothy Wetmore. Proved, December 23, 1783.

Page 200.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARY WALLER, of the City of New York, widow of Peter M. Waller, late of said city, mariner; being in a low state of health. After my just debts and funeral expenses be paid, I leave to Henry King, of aforesaid city, joiner, and Mary, his wife, the house and lot where I now live, corner of Beaver lane in the broad way in the said City of New York; Also, all other real and personal estates. I make the said Henry King; and, in case of his death, Mary King, his wife, executors.

Dated November 24, 1783. Witnesses, John Slidell; Peter Marsalis, of New York, carpenter; Lemountis Noe. Proved, January 15, 1784.

Page 201.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHANNIS RIFENBERGER, jr., of the Little Nine Partners, in Dutchess County, being in perfect health. I leave to my father, Johannes Rifenger, and my brother Daniel, all my leasehold estate, which I hold of Martinus Hoffman, and now in the possession of my father; situate in the Little Nine Partners aforesaid, for a term of years yet to come; to my father and brother immediately after my decease for the remainder of the term; upon this special trust and confidence reposed in them: that they shall permit my loving wife Eva, with my children, Johannis, Catharine, Anna, Eva, George, and Daniel to enjoy said leasehold estate until the expiration, dur-

ing my wife's widowhood and the lives of my children; and if my wife die or remarry, to permit my six children to share the use thereof. The residue of my worldly goods unto all my children. I make my father, Johannis Rifenberger, and my brother Daniel, executors.

Dated October 24, 1782. Witnesses, John J. Myer, Lancaster Burling, Felix Lewis, of Dutchess County, yeoman. Proved, January 12, 1784.

Page 203.—In the name of God, Amen. This twenty-ninth day of April, 1783, I, ELIAS VAN BUNSCOTEN, of the precinct of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, being in perfect senses. After my just debts and funeral expenses be paid I leave to my beloved son Elias, £15 for his birthright. Unto my well-beloved wife Jacomyntje, £15 annuity after my decease, and while my widow; paid equally by my three sons, Elias, John, and Teunis or their heirs. Unto my son Elias, the farm whereon I now live, being in said precinct, and containing 200 acres; with all the houses and barns. Unto my second son, John, the farm whereon he now lives, which I purchased of Hendrick Grawbergh, in Rumbouts precinct, containing 170 acres; with the houses and barns; he to bring in no bill or account he may have disbursed toward said farm (after my decease) against any of my surviving heirs. Unto my third beloved son, Teunis Van Benschoten, the farm whereon he lives, which I bought of Gideon Ververveen, being in Rumbouts precinct, containing 237 acres; with the houses and barns. Should any difficulty arise about any of said farms, whereby they may be cut short for defending the title, that then, according to the judgment of judicious men, each son or their heirs bear equally in the cost or loss of suit or lands. Unto my eldest beloved daughter, Catharine, £300, exclusive of a negro woman which she has now in possession. Unto my second beloved daughter, Rachel, £230, with a like exclusion. My eldest son, Elias, shall pay



unto my said two daughters, £212 as follows: £70, 13s. 4d. within two years after my decease; a like sum in three years; the same in four years; the whole in equal shares. My second son, John, shall pay to my said two daughters, £160 in three equal payments in like manner and same terms. My son Teunis, £208, as above described. My moveables to be sold; the proceeds to discharge debts if any; if not, to be equally divided among my aforesaid five children. I make my beloved sons, Elias, John and Teunis, executors.

(Signed) "ELIAS BUNSCHOTEN."

Witnesses, Peter Dubois, jr., Jacobus Ostrun, and James Elderkin, of Dutchess County, yeoman. Proved, January 12, 1784.

Page 205.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ISAAC OAKLEY, of the White Plains in Westchester County, being very sick in body. I leave to my son Miles, a piece of land at the south corner of his garden, and running easterly by the land of Miles Oakley, keeping the same equal distance all the way through. Unto Miriam, my beloved wife, two beds and furniture, warming pan, cupboard, and half my pewter, one iron pot, and brass kettle, half dozen chairs, pair of hand-irons, shovel and tongs, a trammel, half dozen knives and forks, one cow, and all my linen; all instead of her dower. Unto Phebe Halliday, one bed and furniture in the fore room, one square table, one chest, two smoothing irons, one little and one large wheel. The rest of my moveables, lands and tenements to be sold with all convenient speed after my decease; proceeds to pay all my debts and funeral expenses; the overplus to be put to interest by my executors; the income to maintain my widow; after her decease to be divided equally between my sons, Miles and Isaac. I make my son Miles, executor.

Dated September 13, 1776. Witnesses, Moses Higgins, Elizabeth Hunt, and Anne Hatfield, of Westchester County, widow. Proved, January 7, 1784.

Page 207.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ABRAHAM STEVENS, yeoman, of Haverstraw precinct, Orange County, being weak and infirm in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid out of my personal estate. I leave to my four sons, Stephen, Peter, Abraham, and Hendrick, as tenants in common, all my real estate in said county, in equal shares; to my younger sons not of age, the profits of their share for their maintenance until their majority. Unto my daughters, Maria, Elizabeth, and Jonitee, £100 each; payable by my sons out of their real estate; my adult sons to pay their proportion of said £300 in one year after my decease; my younger sons in one year after they respectively are twenty-one. Unto my unmarried daughters an out-set equivalent to what I gave my daughter, the wife of Dowe Vanderbitt, when they marry, or each is of age. Unto my younger sons, out of my personal estate, out-sets equal to what I gave to my oldest son, Stephen. Unto my four sons and three daughters, my blessing, and the remainder of my personal estate in equal shares, at the discretion of my executors. I make my sons, Stephen and Peter, and my respected friends, Jacobus Van Orden and Resolvet R. Vanhouten, executors.

(Signed)

“ABRAHAM STEPHENS.”

Dated September 6, 1783. Witnesses, Hendrick Stephens and Stephen Stephens, both of said precinct; David Pye, Esquire. Proved, October 7, 1783.

Page 208.—In the name of God, Amen. I, NATHANIEL MCKINLEY, of Hurley, formerly of the City of New York, tailor; being weak in body, this fifth day of April, 1783. All my just debts to be paid by my executors. Whatever is left, to remain to my loving wife Rebecca for use and support, or deal out to my children, if she approves, with my executors; such division not to do damage the equal divisions of the rest. All my children to have an equal share in my real and personal estate, viz: my daughters Catharine (now wife of

Alexander Crooksank), Jane, Elizebeth, Sarah, and Mary McKinley; still saving to my loving wife, with the advice or consent of one or both of my executors, the management of my property in such a way as they may think most conducive for the good of all my children. I make my dearly beloved wife Rebecca and loving brother, William McKinley, as also my daughter Catharine's husband, Alexander Crookshank, executors; my wife, with one or both my executors, to have power to let or sell any of my lots of land in the patent of Bamp, or my house and lot in the City of New York.

Witnesses, Garrit Harrison or (Harsin), and John Newkerk, gentlemen, both of said city; Huybert Ostrander. Proved, January 17, 1784.

Page 210.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES ALEXANDER, of New Perth, Charlotte County, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid at discretion of my executors. I leave to my beloved wife Catherine while my widow, the income of my house and farm in New Perth for her maintenance, one cow, and the use of my house furniture and five sheep. My executors to sell at public vendue all other my personal estate; proceeds to discharge debts; surplus to be put at interest on good sufficiently good security and applied for supporting my widow. Unto my loving children, James, and Jenny Alexander (if living), a moiety each of my real or personal estate. Unto my grandson, Joseph Alexander, £10. Unto my servant boy, Ebenezer Place, at the time he shall be free, if he behaves well, and my executors think he deserves it, £8. After the death or marriage of my wife, my executors to sell my real and the rest of my personal estate; proceeds to be paid to my children, grandson and servant as above directed. I make John Gray, senior, and Edward Savage, Esquire, executors.

Dated July 16, 1783. Witnesses, Matthew McWhorter, James McWhorter, Zurishaddoi Doty, all of said county, farmers. Proved, January 9, 1784.

Page 212.—In the name of God, Amen. The twenty-seventh day of December, 1783. I, SAMUEL CARMAN, of the Township of Hempstead, Queens County, being sick and weak in body. I leave to my well-beloved wife Sarah, all my household goods, five cows, one pair of oxen, and ox-cart, one horse and chair, all the meat I have provided for winter, one half my grain on the ground, at Merrick, and as much of my other grain as will support her and her family until next harvest; Also, all the tallow, hog's fat, and butter; likewise, my old negro man named Dick, and my negro girl named Amy; Also, the service of my young negro man named Dick, during her natural life; all which is in lieu of dower. Unto my grandson, Caleb Carman, my silver watch. Unto my brother Adam, £50. Unto my daughters, Anne Cornelious and Mary Bedell, £90 each. My executors to sell all my real and personal estate; out of proceeds to pay my just debts and funeral charges, and legacies. The net proceeds unto my four sons, Samuel, Lot, Benjamin, and John Carman, in equal shares; whom I make executors.

Witnesses, Archelaus Doxsee, wheel-wright, and William Petitt, yeoman, both of Queens County; David Batty. Proved, January 30, 1784.

Page 213.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JEREMIAH HOGEBOOM, of the district of Claverack, Albany County, being weak in body. I leave to my beloved wife Annatie, £50; Also all such parcel of the estates of Jerian Van Hoesen, deceased, and David Van Hoesen, deceased, as I am entitled to right of my wife. Unto my daughter Christina, wife of Gideon N. Hubbard, £100; payable two years after my decease. Unto my son Peter, the remainder of my real and personal estate; whom I make executor.

Dated December 21, 1782. Witnesses, Thomas Hop, James Hogeboom, Thomas Williams, junior, of Claverack district, gentleman. Proved, January 16, 1784.



Page 214.—In the name of God, Amen. The twenty-sixth day of October, 1782. I, DAVID CLARKSON, of Flat Bush, Kings County, merchant, being weak in body, but perfect of mind and memory. All my lawful debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors before any division be made. I leave to my loving wife Elezabeth, all my real and personal estate in said township, or in the City of New York, etc., while my widow, for the support of my children, viz: Freeman, Anna Marregrieta, Thomas Stretfield, and Levinus Clarkson. My non-aged children to be educated and maintained out of my estate by my widow, at her discretion. After her death, all my real and personal estate to go to my aforesaid children, in equal shares. As some of my children are indebted to me, such sums to be included at the division. I make my wife Elesabeth and my daughter and three sons, executors.

Witnesses, Petrus Hageman, Hendrick Sydam, and Johannis E. Lott, of Flat Bush in Kings County, Esquire. Proved, February 2, 1784.

Page 216.—In the name of God, Amen. I, GILES HUDSON, of London, merchant, being of indifferent health of body. My body to be laid in my own vault in Chiswick in the County of Middlesex, where my dear late wife lies buried. I confirm the settlement made previous to marriage of my present wife. Acknowledging myself debtor to my dear child Mary in the sum of £1,000, which I received for her from the late Richard Jonson, Esquire, of West Oakley in the County of Berks, as by my receipt given him on or about the seventh day of September, 1772; being willed by Jacob Jonson, Esquire, his brother; said sum with interest to be paid to my daughter Mary, free from deductions for her board, and maintenance during my life when she is twenty-one, or on day of marriage. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be fully paid; then unto Ruth Hagar, if living with me at the time of my decease, £50. Unto John Deschamps, Esquire, of Buck-

lersbury in the City of London, and Mr. James Dunch of Shepherd Street, £100 each, in hopes and in full persuasion that they will take upon themselves the trouble of being executors and trustees to this will. Unto my good friend, Wentworth Ogle, Esquire, of Walbrook, £100; to my cousin, Elizabeth Rutter, of Iver in the County of Bucks, £200. As soon after my death as convenient, my leasehold, copyhold and freehold estates to be sold; proceeds with all my outstanding debts, bills, bonds, etc., as they come in and shall be paid, shall be placed in good Government securities at my executors' discretion. One third unto my dear wife forever, subject at her death to the payment of one-third thereof to my daughter Mary, if she be living; or any other child or children. The remaining two-thirds to be invested as above for the benefit of all my children together at my decease or born in due time after, payable in proportion as they are twenty-one years old. The interest to be paid to my wife for their maintenance during their minority. The remainder of my estate, with my furniture, plate and Jewels, not disposed of, unto my wife Catharine. I make John Deschamps, Esquire, Mr. James Dunch, with my wife Catharine, executors.

Dated November 4, 1782. Revised by deleting, February 18, 1783. Witnesses, Catherine Hudson, of the Parish of St. Margaret, Westminster, County of Middlesex, widow; and John Deschamps, of the Parish of St. Stephen, Walbrook, London, Esquire. Handwriting identified by Thomas King, of the Parish of St. Michael, Bassishaw, London, Gentleman; and James Macombe, of the Parish of Great St. Thomas Apostles, London, Gentleman. Proved, March 3, 1783, in London. Approved, under the seal of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, February 12, 1784.

Page 220.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILHELMUS VAN ANTWERPE, Esquire, of Canistagauna, Albany County, being weak in body. My just debts

and funeral charges and other expenses to be paid. My wife to be Master and Commander of my whole estate, while my widow. In case my negro Jack does not please his mistress she is to dispose of him as she pleases. Should she be in need of the necessaries of this life, and be my widow, she may sell all my lands in Rensselaerwick; Also, those in the Township of Schenectady, granted unto me by my father's will. My real and personal estate not willed or given away by my wife, to be equally divided between Daniel G. Van Antwerpe, and Marritje, now wife of James Van Vrancka. One year after the said Daniel is in possession of my real and personal estates, he shall pay to his brother Garret, £10 specie, and £15, specie, to his three sisters; at the same time Marritje or James Van Vrancka shall pay to my sister's children, £25 specie, in equal shares. I make my loving wife Hility, and my trusty friends, Daniel G. Van Antwerpe and James Van Vrancka, executors.

Dated November 8, 1781. Witnesses, Connelis Groot, Derick C. Groot, and Cornelius Groot, of said County, farmer. Proved, November 6, 1783.

Page 222.—In the name of God, Amen. I, GARRET COUWENHOVEN, of Township of New Utrrecht, Kings County, being now in good health. My just and lawful debts and funeral expenses to be first paid at a decent time after my decease. I bequeath immediately after my decease, the whole use of the farm whereon I now live, commonly called my homestead farm, purchased of Jeris Lott, deceased, and the lot of woodland bought of Anthony Holts, and the two lots of meadow bought of Mr. Voorheen and Tunis Bergen, unto Niel-tie, the widow of my son Necasie, deceased, while his widow. If she marries again, then only the things she brought as her outset at her marriage, and £50 out of my personal estate. At her death or remarriage, unto my granddaughters, children of my said son, Antie, Geertje, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Nieltie, the 60 acres

of cleared land as now in fence and possession, in said township, on the easterly side of the high road leading from Flatbush to New Utrecht; bounded northeasterly by Van Nuys land; southeasterly by lands of Stilwell, southwesterly by lands of Tuntie Denyse, the wife of Denis Denise, and northwesterly by said road. Also, 4 acres to be measured and taken from my woodlands next to Petrus Van Pelts and John Van Duyns woodland. Also, the lot of meadow which I bought of Rolef Voorheeve; together with all rights and privileges with above described parcels of lands. The remainder of my homestead farm unto my grandson, Garret Couwenhoven; bounded northeasterly by Yellow Hock, easterly by said road, southwesterly by Van Nuys Suydams and Emans land, and northwesterly by the lands which my son bought of Capt. Denyses estate; Also all the woodland and meadows (belonging to my farm), purchased of Joris Lott, deceased; Also, the woodland bought of Anthony Holt; together with the buildings and improvements of said farm, except the four acres devised to sisters and the meadow bought of Voorhies. My said grandson Garret, in consideration of the farm devised to him, as soon as he is of lawful age, shall pay £60 to his sister Antie, and like sums to each of his sisters, Geertie, Sarah, Elizabeth and Nieltie. Unto my son Johannes all that farm or plantation in said township, whereon he now lives, which I bought of John Rapelje, Esquire; together with the buildings, woodlands, meadows belonging to said farm, now occupied and enjoyed by him. Unto my daughter Sarah, wife of Martin Schenk, the plantation in the Jersey on the North Branch in Sommerset County, and let last to Thomas Burgon; the same which I got of my father, Necasiee Couwenhoven, deceased, with the buildings and appurtenances. All my negroes, with my household furniture, the one-third to my son Johannes; a like part to my daughter Sarah; the remainder part to the children of my deceased son Necasie. My farming utensils, stock of horses and cattle unto my son

Johannes and my grandson Garret in equal shares. Should my daughter Sarah go and live on her farm herein devised, my son Johannes and grandson Garret shall give her one new iron-bound, one good plow, one good harrow, two cows and two horses. I make my son Johannes, and my friend Art Van Pelt, son of Petrus and my daughter Sarah, executors.

Dated May 9, 1781. Witnesses, Petrus Van Pelt, John Verkerk Van Nuys, yeoman, and Nicholas Couwenhoven, Esquire, both of Kings County. Proved, February 5, 1784.

Page 225.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CASPARUS MABIE, of the precinct or township of Tappan or Orange-town, Orange County, yeoman, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life. I leave to my son, Peter Mabie, all the lands and real estate devised to me by my father, Peter Maltbie, deceased. Unto my son Cornelius, all the real estate I bought of David Bogert, in the said town of Orange; he paying for the same £100. My executors to sell the farm I bought of John Perry, Esquire, in the aforesaid County, with my grist mill and appurtenances for such sums of money as may be reasonably gotten for the same. While said farm, mills and other premises remain unsold, the possession and profits to go to my wife Willempje; Also, unto her, £200. Unto my son Peter, £25. Unto each my daughters not having had an outset before my decease, to have one equal to the what each of my married daughters shall have received of me. Unto each of my sons, Peter and Abraham, an outset equal to what my son Cornelius has had. My executors to apply sufficient of the proceeds of sales to the payment of my debts and the legacies. The remainder of my personal estate and the net proceeds of said sales unto my eight children, viz: Peter, Cornelius, Abraham, Mary, Cathaline, Catharine, Margaret and Elizabeth, in equal shares. I make my son, Peter Mabie, and my son-in-law, Johannes Bogert, executors.

Dated September 23, 1782. Witnesses, Jacobus Da Blauvelt, John Johnston, and John Haring, of Orange County, Esquire. Proved, February 10, 1784.

Page 227.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DANIEL MILLER, now of North Castle, late of Bedford, Westchester County, being of sound mind, this fourth day of June, 1783. I leave to my son, Lewis Miller, £200; payable by my executors within six months after my decease. Unto my daughter Anna, £100; payable as aforesaid. Unto my son Daniel, the remainder of my whole estate after payment of just debts and a reserve for my wife. Unto my wife Charity, the use of one third part of my real and personal estate for life. I make my wife and my son Daniel, executors.

Witnesses, Rachel Mills; Josiah Mills, of Bedford, yeoman; Zebadiah Mills. Proved, January 26, 1784.

Page 228.—In the name of God, Amen. The eighteenth day of September, 1754. I, JEURY BROWER, of Gowanes, in the township of Brookland, Kings County, miller, being very sick and weak in body. All my funeral charges to be paid. I leave my whole estate in the Township of Brookland, unto my three sons, Abraham, William, and Adolph, in equal shares; but my son Abraham to have £5 for his birthright before any division is made. My three sons to pay my just debts, and satisfy legacies hereafter given unto my well-beloved wife and the rest of my children. Should my sons neglect or refuse to pay above mentioned debts and legacies, then my whole estate shall be sold at public vendue; the proceeds divided amongst all my children and well-beloved wife Geertje in equal shares. Unto my wife all her goods she brought to my estate; Also, one of my negro girls named Bet, or Bettie; likewise, £200, and one of my rooms in my house, while my widow. Unto my son Jeury, £200. Unto my daughter Maria, on her marriage day, £30; six years after my decease, £50. Unto my daughter Cornelia, £30 and



£70 at above terms. Unto my daughter Annatie, wife of Henry Tayler, £70, payable six years after my decease. Unto my daughters, Jannetie, Elizabeth, Lena and Sarah, on their respective marriage day £30; six years after my decease, £70. Unto my wife Gertie, one of my milk cows; my three sons first named to keep said cow for my wife. I make my three sons, Abraham, William and Adolph, executors.

Witnesses, Jacob Bennet; Jere Bennit, of Kings County, weaver; Simon Boerum. Proved, February 4, 1784.

Page 232.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HERCULES WENDOVER, blacksmith, of City of New York, being in good health, this third day of March, 1739. I leave to my brother Thomas, £10, to buy a suit of mourning; unto my sister Anne, £10 for same purpose. All my wearing apparel to my brother Thomas, and John, the son of my said sister Anne, in equal shares. The remainder of my personal estate to my dear wife Mary, after my just debts and funeral charges are paid. The house and lot of ground, where I dwell in Wall Street in said City unto my wife Mary, during her natural life, with liberty to rebuild, repair and alter the same. After her decease, my executors to sell said property; proceeds to be put at interest; a moiety of said interest to be paid to my brother Thomas, during his life; the other half to my sister Anne, during life; at the death of my brother and sister, the said proceeds to be equally divided among their children. I make my wife Mary, and my friend, Thomas Lynce, merchant, and Jacobus De Lamonge, blockmaker, both of this City, executors.

Witnesses, George Larting, William Bartlett, Samuel Bourdett. Proved, April 11, 1743.

[NOTE.—City of New York, February 18, 1784. To Hercules Wendover, of Paramus, State of New Jersey, cordwainer; nephew and one of the legatees of Hercules Wendover, late of the City of New York, black-

smith, deceased. Whereas, on April 11, 1743, said will was proved before Geo. Jos. Moore, Esq., and Mary Wendover and Jacobus De Lamonge qualified as executors; and they having since died intestate; and the estate of Hercules Wendover, deceased, not being full administered; letters of administration are granted unto you.]

Page 233.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DAVID PROVOOST, merchant, of the City of New York, now residing at my country seat on New York Island, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executors in some convenient time after my decease, out of the first monies that may come into his hands. I leave to my daughter-in-law Mary, widow of my deceased son, John Provoost, £200; Also, the use of my farm at Dover in the province of New Jersey, during her widowhood. At her decease or remarriage, the said farm to go to the children of my deceased sons, John and William Provoost, in equal shares. Unto Mrs. Sarah Bolton Loftus, who has for a long time past, and at present does reside with me in the capacity of a housekeeper, £350, payable within twelve months after my decease; £50 whereof I desire she may lay out in a suit of mourning. Whereas, by her faithful services and great attention to my interest, during the time she has resided in my family, has been a great means of preserving and increasing my estate, I further devise under her the use of my house and lot at the Old Slip, now rented by James Weir; Also, the profits of my lot fronting Smith Street and King Street, which I leased to the late Mr. Nathaniel Marston, since deceased; Also, the profits of my lot fronting Wall Street, which I leased to the late Simon Johnston, Esquire, deceased; Also, the profits of my farm, and buildings thereon, at Hallet's Cove on Nassau Island. I confirm the deed of gift heretofore executed to the said Sarah Bolton Loftus for the farm, buildings, etc., where I now reside, on the East River, and



commonly called the Louvre; and all such other deeds and instruments in writing as I have executed to her. After her decease, one moiety of my estate given her for life, unto the children of my said deceased son John, in equal shares, the other half part unto the children of my said deceased son William. Unto my executor, £300. Whereas the management of my estate will require great pains and attention, I bequeath to my executor £2, 10 shillings on every £100 he shall receive, or pay out of my estate. Of the remainder of my whole estate: a moiety each to the children of my said deceased sons, John and William, as above. Should any of the children die before twenty-one, and without lawful issue, their shares to be equally divided among their surviving brothers and sisters. I make David Mathews, of the City of New York, sole executor; he to sell at discretion, any part of my real estate, not devised to my daughter-in-law, and to said Sarah Bolton Loftus, for life.

Dated September 1, 1781. Witnesses, John Hardenbrook, of said City, gentleman; Robert R. Waddel, David Richardson. Proved, February 18, 1784.

[NOTE.—Letters of administration granted to John Brown, merchant, of the City of New York, whose wife was a granddaughter and one of the residuary legatees of said David Provoost, deceased, on the nineteenth day of February, 1784; the said David Mathews nominated executor, “by a law of our said State, stands attainted of high Treason against us, and is forever banished from our State; by reason whereof he may not take upon himself the execution of the said will.]

Page 236.—*Translation of will in Dutch:*

February 27, 1760. NICKEL PHILIP, of Dutchess Co., “sick of body and of perfect understanding.” His wife, Christina Philip to inherit his entire estate during her widowhood. Son, Zaghrias Philip, to receive for his right of primogeniture £3 N. Y. money. Son, Nicholas Philip, to receive the entire real estate, viz.:

house, barns and everything fastened with nails where testator is now living, on condition that Nikolas Philip is to pay to testator's five children £250 in good N. Y. money, without interest, within 8 years after testator's widow's death, one fifth to each of said children, viz.: Zacharias, Nickolas, Johannes, Catharina, wife of Johans Kool, and Geertia Philip. Personal estate such as horses and cattle, to be equally divided among the children, after the widow's demise. Executors: wife, Christina Philip; sons, Zaghrias and Nickolas Philip. Made his mark.

Witnesses, Willem Betzer, Josep Nier (his mark), Aernout Viele. Proved, February 5, 1784.

Page 238.—In the name of God, Amen. This twentieth day of June, 1776. I, ALEXANDER FORBES, of the City of New York, being well in good health. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid in some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my loving son William, £50, due to me from him by a Bond. Unto my loving daughter, Gitty Forbes, my new bookcase, and one set of black and white china cups and saucers. My loving wife Eva shall choose one of my houses for her use during her lifetime. The remainder of my whole estate to be sold to the best advantage and the proceeds to be divided among my wife, my son William, my daughters, Gitty, Elizabeth, Mattie and Mary, in equal shares. If any of my children be under age, the shares of her or them to be put at interest toward their bringing up until they come of age. At the death of my wife, the house in her possession to be sold; the proceeds to be divided among my said children. I make my son William, my loving brothers, John and William Forbes, executors.

Witnesses, Benjamin Blagge; Beekman Van Bueren; and Isaac Van Hook, jr., of said City, trader.

Codicil. Whereas, I have given all my household goods to be sold; the proceeds to go to my wife and five children, said goods to go to my wife Eva, except

my new bookcase, and one set of black and white china cups and saucers.

Dated June 21, 1776. Witnesses, Benjamin Blagge, Beekman Van Buering, Isaac Van Hook, jr. Proved, February 14, 1784.

Page 242.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANDREW GAUTIER, of the Township of Achqueghononck, Essex County, in the Eastern division of the Province of New Jersey, Esquire, being weak in body. After all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my executors, I leave to my eldest son and heir at law, Andrew Gautier, jr., my silver bowl, which was presented to me by the Church Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church in New York, as a compliment for my assistance at the fire of the school-house and church, a representation of which is engraved on the said bowl, for his birthright. Unto my sons, Andrew and Daniel, all my real estate in the City of New York, in equal shares. Unto my son Daniel, the parcel of land containing five acres, at Flat Bush in Kings County, which was given to me by John Hogeman, deceased. Unto my beloved wife Margarit, my lot of land, containing one and a half acres, which I bought of Doctor Walter De Graw, which I now dwell upon, at Achqueghononck aforementioned, with my dwelling house, barns, stables, etc., all that my wife Margarit brought with her (bonds, mortgages, plate and household furniture) at our marriage shall be returned to her. Unto my wife, my negro wench named Belle. Unto my wife and son Daniel, all my money in hand. Unto my son Daniel, £500, in consideration of a like sum which my son Andrew has had from me; after this legacy to Daniel is paid, the remainder of my money, due by bonds, notes, or book-debts, to go to my wife and said two sons, in equal shares; Also, all linen in like manner. Unto my wife, for life, my horse and riding chair; a pair of "Sconsers" gilt framed; eight mahogney chairs, worked bottoms; sufficient household goods and

kitchen furniture to keep house with decently; the same to be returned again after her decease, to my sons, Andrew and Daniel, and be equally shared by them, except what she brought with her at marriage, and the negro wench named Belle. The rest of my personal estate to be shared equally by my two sons, Andrew and Daniel. Should either die without issue lawfully begotten, then his share shall remain to the survivor. I make my well-beloved friends, John Oothout, late merchant at New York; John Chetwood, Esquire; and Robert Drummond, Esquire, executors.

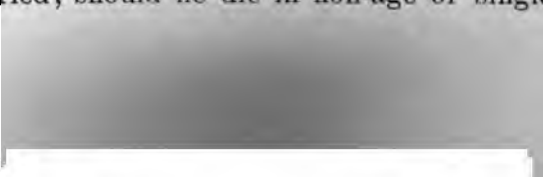
Dated September 29, 1776. Witnesses, Daniel Rutan, William Wiseham, Hessel Peterse.

Codicil. The furniture given to my wife Margrit is to be left to the discretion of the executors.

Dated September 29, 1776. Witnesses, Daniel Rutan; Hessel Peterse, of said Township, yeoman; William Wiseham. Proved, March 6, 1784.

[NOTE.—In the City of New York, on the 8th of March, 1784, John Oothout “refused to be concerned therein” as an executor; and John Chetwood and Robert Drummond, “absent from this State”; letters of administration were granted to Andrew Gautier, of said City, gentleman.]

Page 244.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ABRAHAM BRASHER, merchant, of the City of New York, being in good health. My funeral charges to be paid as soon as may be after my decease. I leave to my beloved son Gasherie, when twenty-one, or married, the tract of land in Marbletown, Ulster County, commonly called Gasherie's Bucht, containing 112 acres. My executors to have full power to lease or sell the land, at their discretion; the proceeds to be put at interest on good and sufficient security; the rent or interest from time to time towards the support of my beloved wife Helena and her children. The land or principal to be delivered to my son Gasherie, when twenty-one, or married; should he die in non-age or single, then



the land to pass, with above limitation, to the next son I may have born before my son Gasherie's death as above; should there be no other son born, then the land is to be considered part of my estate and disposed of as hereinafter mentioned. Unto my said son, or the next son I may have, my small collection of books when of sufficient age for them to be serviceable, and at my executors' discretion. Unto my son Gashe-rie, and my daughters, Judith and Elizabeth, each, respectively when twenty-one, or married, £350; and to such child or children hereafter born of my wife Helena, the like sum at majority or marriage. Unto my wife, all her wearing apparel, my household furniture. The remainder of my estate, real and personal, to be sold or otherwise disposed of by my executors; the proceeds of sale to be put at interest for the support of my wife and children until the youngest is twenty-one, or is married. Should all my children die in non-age, and single, the interest of the whole estate to go to my wife's support, and £1,000 of the principal be entirely at her disposal; the residue at her decease, unto the sons of my cousins, Phillip, Ephraim and Henry Brasher, of the City of New York, in equal shares, payable when each son is twenty-one. I make my wife Helena, and my brothers-in-law, Lawrence Kortright, William Ricketts Van Cortlandt and Henry Van Vleck and Cornelius Peter Low, all of the City of New York, merchants, executors.

Dated January 6, 1774. Witnesses, Oliver Templeton; James Byers, of said city, grocer; John Norris. Proved, February 13, 1784.

Page 247.—In the name of God, Amen. This fifteenth day of January, 1784. I, JOSEPH BEADELL, yeoman, of Hempstead, Queens County, being sick in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid out of my estate after my decease. I leave to my daughter Lockey, two beds and furniture, two bedsteads and cords, two cows, and £60, levied out of my

estate and paid her by my executors, without control. Unto my sons Silvester and Richard, the piece of upland lying the east side of the Swamp, that is within fence, in equal shares; the land to be divided easterly and westerly. My son Silvester not to have any use of half the land until the crop be taken off. Unto my well-beloved wife Ruth, one bed and bedstead, and furniture, and the best of my horse kind, one; and the first choice of my cows, one. After debts and legacies be paid, then the remainder of my real and personal estate to my well-beloved son Richard, the equal half of my grist mill, dam and stream, and all my houses and lands, my moveable goods; my wife to have the use of property just mentioned while my widow, in lieu of dower. Should my son Richard refuse or neglect to pay said legacies to his sister Lockey, or to his mother; or any debt or funeral charge, my executors may sell any part of my estate devised to him. Should there be any loss to my estate because of my being responsible for other men, the loss shall be levied proportionately on every legacy. I make my wife Ruth, and my son, Richard Beadell, and my friend, Joseph Dorlon, son of Elias Dorlon, executors.

Witnesses, Isaac Frost, Nance Jackson, widow; Jeremiah Hutching, of the Township of Hempstead, wheelwright. Proved, February 10, 1784.

Page 249.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PETER MURPHEY, of the City of New York, mariner, being weak and low. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executors within some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my loving wife Lucretia, all my personal estate for her maintenance, and the support and education of my two children, Hester and Margaret. Unto my wife and said two children, the dwelling house now in my occupation, situate in Gold Street in said City. Said devise of real and personal estate to my wife given to her in lieu of dower. Should either of my children die under age and with-

out lawful issue, the descendants share is to go to the survivor. If for the best advantage to my wife and children, the dwelling house is to be sold, but not before the eldest of my children, and in case of her death, before the youngest is sixteen years of age; the proceeds to be equally divided. I make my wife Lucretia, and my friend, Thomas Hazard, executors.

Dated November 9, 1783. Witnesses, David Morris; George Mount, of said City, cordwainer; John Cozine. Proved, February 16, 1784.

Page 250.—In the name of God, Amen. I, GILBERT BATES, at present of the City of New York, shop-keeper; being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges and other expenses to be paid out of my estate. I leave to my loving wife Sarah, two beds and bedsteads at her choice; two sets of curtains with all the furniture and bedding; a trunk she brought me, or another of the same size, with as much linen as it will contain; Also, her wearing apparel; Also, one-fifth of the residue of my whole estate and the use of the several shares herein given to my children until they severally are twenty-one, or married; she supporting and in a suitable manner educating my children. My wife likewise to have the use of one-half hereinafter given to my son John, while my widow; all which is in lieu of dower. Unto my said son John, two fifth parts of the said residue (with the above exception). Unto my daughters, Phebe and Hannah, each one fifth part of the residue of my whole estate. Should I have one or more children born hereafter, if a son or sons, a share equal with my son John, to him or them; if a daughter or daughters, a share to her or them equal with my said daughters. If one or more of my children die in non-age and without lawful issue, then, the shares of them so dying to go to my surviving children, each son to have twice as much as a daughter. I make my wife Sarah, and my affectionate brother, Stephen Bates, executors.

Dated April 12, 1783. Witnesses, Edmund Ward,

Timothy Wetmore, Thomas Wetmore. Proved, February 17, 1784.

[NOTE.—Signature of testator was identified by John Bates, his father; and by Alexander Morrison, of said City, shopkeeper; Stephen Ward, of East Chester, identified the signature of Edmund Ward, his father.]

Page 252.—In the name of God, Amen. I, NATHANIEL UNDERHILL, of the Borough Town of Westchester, gentleman, being sensible of the certainty of death. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid in some convenient time after my decease. My executors, as soon as may be, to divide all my lands in Westchester and elsewhere, upland and meadow, with the buildings and improvements into two equal half parts, one moiety to Thomas McLeroth; the other half to Anthony Lispenard Underhill (son of my brother Israel). Unto the said Thomas McLeroth, one half of my household furniture, my negro woman Tempe, and her child Kate; together with one half the sloop *Tamer* (which I own in partnership with James Leonard), her tackle, apparel and furniture. In consideration of these bequests, the said Thomas McLeroth is to pay to my sister, Helena Morgan, £200, and unto my sister, Mary Bayley, £100. Unto my above mentioned nephew Anthony Lispenard Underhill, my negro men slaves, Tom, Dick and Cull; with all my stock of cattle, horses, etc., he paying to my brother, Bartow Underhill, £500, and unto my nephew, Nathaniel Underhill (son of my brother John), £200; but if my said nephew shall refuse to pay these two legacies, then my executors shall sell the moiety of lands and houses, and the three slaves and cattle, etc., and with the proceeds of sale pay the above legacies; the residue of proceeds to said Anthony Lispenard Underhill. Unto Gloriana Underhill, £200 out of my moveable estate, my negro girl Nanny, and one feather bed and furniture for the same, and six chairs and one table. Unto Sarah, wife of Samuel Embre, £100, paid as above. Unto Mary



Bugbee (widow of John Bugbee), £50. Unto Amelia Wright, daughter of Obadiah Purdy; unto Charity Dally, daughter of Josua Hunt, £25 each. Unto John and Benjamin, sons of John Underhill, each £50; unto Obadiah and Joseph Purdy, my nephews, £50 each. Unto my brother, Israel Underhill, a bond of £300 which was due from him to my father. Unto my three negro slaves, Abraham, Phyllis and Peggy, their absolute freedom from any servitude to any person or persons, in consideration of their faithful services to me during my life-time. I recommend it to them to be sober and industrious, and to get their living honestly. The remainder of my estate in money or bonds to go in equal shares to my brothers, Israel and Bartow Underhill, my nephew, Anthony Lispenard Underhill, and Thomas McLeroth. Should there not be sufficient money for defraying the debts and paying the legacies, each legacy is to bear its proportion of the deficiency. I make my said brothers, Bartow and Israel Underhill, my nephew, Anthony Lispenard Underhill, and Thomas McLeroth, executors.

Dated March 29, 1783. Witnesses, John Williams, yeoman; Sarah Vollintine; John Valentine, weaver; both men of Borough of Westchester.

Codicil. My executors to pay out of my moveable estate unto Gilbert Drake, the son of my sister, Elisabeth Drake, £50; Also, unto Anner Underhill, the daughter of John Underhill, £300 in addition to what is willed to her. The said negro wench called Peggy having behaved so contrary to the rule of a good servant, my executors are to sell her as a part of my moveable estate. Codicil not dated.

Witnesses, John Valentine, John Williams, Sarah Vollintine. Proved, February 13, 1784.

Page 255.—In the name of God, Amen. This nineteenth day of December, 1783. I, THOMAS LEAKE, of The Little Nine Partners precinct of Dutchess County, State of New York, yeoman, being weak and sick of

body. All my just debts and funeral charges and other expenses to be paid by my executors after my decease. I leave to my grandson, Benjamin Leake, son of my son Isaac, one cow, or its value, when he comes of age. Unto my son, Stephen Leake, 40 acres of land to be set off on the east side of my farm, that I now live on. Unto my sons' four sons, David, Pelige, Daniel and Abraham Leake, equally, the rest of my said farm. Unto my daughter, Sarah Leake, one cow, one good bed, and horse. Unto my daughter Mary, one riding horse, or the value of £14. Unto my daughter Lydia, one good bed, one good cow, and one riding horse, or the value of £14. Unto my beloved wife Ledia, the use of all my estate, while my widow. At her marriage, the remainder of my estate to go to my children in equal shares. I make my wife Ledia, and son Daniel, executors.

Witnesses, George Hoddelston; Samuel Dean, jr., of said County, yeoman; Lydia Leake, of same place, spinster. Proved, February 14, 1784.

Page 257.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM DE PEYSTER, late of the City of New York, now residing at Albany, in perfect mind and understanding. All my just debts and funeral charges to be first paid out of my estate. I leave to my daughter Ann, my negro wench called Lucretia or Cris; unto my daughter Margaret my negro wench called Unus. Further unto my daughter Ann, the smallest of my two old silver teapots; unto Margaret, the largest. Unto my said two daughters my nine silver table spoons, in equal shares. Unto Ann, my gold sleeve buttons. Unto my two daughters all my household furniture, including all bedding and sheets and their appurtenances, equally. Unto my son William, my silver salt sellers. My son Abraham to have my silver tankard, he paying therefor at the rate of nine shillings per oz., and this consideration to be divided as the residue hereafter mentioned. Unto my daughter Margaret, my half dozen silver tea spoons. Whereas my son Abraham stands

charged to me in my book of accounts, £267, 16s. 7d. (paid out for him in his education and support) entered on my books as a memorandum, and not as a charge; and, whereas, my account books are at present in my Refugee Situation, not easily got at, being packed up, so that I cannot now make a proper entry of this matter therein, I declare said charge to be null and void, and acquit him from the same. The remainder of my real and personal estate unto my sons, John, William, Gerard, Nicholas, Abraham and James, and to my aforesaid daughters, Ann and Margaret, in equal shares, subject to the provision herein after made for my two daughters: unto them, the use of £500 until one or both marry or die; when one marries or dies, the other to have the use of £300 until she marries or dies; my executors to put the appropriate sums to loan upon good security, or raise the income otherwise; to apply the interest at their discretion and to which my daughters shall think proper to agree. My executors to sell at public vendue all or any part of my estate (except the specific legacies above bequeathed), and to apply the proceeds as above directed. I make my sons, William and Abraham W. De Peyster and Egbert Benson, executors.

Dated November 3, 1780. Witnesses, Evert Bancker, Henry Rutgers, of City of New York, Esquire; Gerard Bancker. Proved, February 19, 1784.

Page 259.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM SCOTT, of the City of New York, vintner. After all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid I leave the remainder of my estate to my beloved wife Elizabeth. I make my wife executrix.

Dated November 6, 1778. Witnesses, James Hallett, of said city, coachmaker; George Campbell, Benjamin Norwood. Proved, February 20, 1784.

Page 260.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BOWDEWYN LECOUNT, yeoman, of Poughkeepsie precinct, Dutchess County, being in good health, this tenth day

of March, 1755. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid within some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my youngest daughter, Sarah, my homestead or farm whereon I now live, lying in said precinct; bounded northerly on Moses De Graaf, easterly on lands now of Abraham Freer, southerly of Francis Filkin; described in the deeds I have of Jacobus Meyndert Vanderbogert; together with the house, barn, fences, etc. Likewise, unto her, that piece of woodland, part of a tract I bought of Battus Kip, part by me conveyed to Gale Yelverton, bounded westerly on Gale Yelverton, northerly on Thomas Beiggs and Martin Hoffman, easterly on the Fall Kill, southerly on Moses De Graaf. Should she die without heirs of her body, lawfully begotten, and intestate, the farm and woodland shall go equally to my daughters, Hester and Fransisca. Unto my daughter Sarah, my negro boy Tom, if he shall belong to me at the time of my death; Also, all my stock of horses, cows, sheep, swine and all other live stock; all my farming utensils, as waggons, sleds, harrows, plows, tackling, haws, axes, etc.; and all furniture in my house, as beds, cupboards, bedsteads, chests, pots, kettles, pewter, chairs, etc. (except my money, outstanding debts and negro slaves, if any). My outstanding debts at the time of my death, and money and slaves (except the negro boy Tom), to go to my three daughters: Hester, Fransisca, and Sarah, in equal shares, after my debts, funeral charges, executors' charges, expenses and trouble are answered and paid. My daughter Sarah to pay to her sisters, Fransisca and Hester, £20 each. Unto my daughter Hester, £1 for her birthright; the remainder of my estate unto my three daughters. I make my friends, Joseph Gonsalis, Moses Ver Veele, Magiel de Graaf, and my daughter Sarah, executors.

(Signed)

"BOUDEWIN LACKONT."

Witnesses, Francis Pr Laroy; Judith Livingston;
James G. Livingston, of Dutchess County, Esquire.
Proved, February 26, 1784.

Page 262.—In the name of God, Amen. The eighth day of April, 1774. I, JOHN HUNT, of Bushwick, Kings County, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be first paid. I leave to my son William, my large English Bible, as his birthright. Unto my well-beloved wife, all my real and remaining personal estate, while my widow. After her marriage, my whole estate to be sold at public vendue; the proceeds to go to my wife and five children: William, Jacobus, Mary, Jane, and John, equally. Should my wife die before remarriage, then the estate to be sold as aforesaid, and the proceeds to be divided equally between my children, or their survivors if any die in non-age or without lawful issue. The shares of them that be under age shall be put out at interest, for their benefit, by my executors. I make my well-beloved wife Elizabeth, my brother-in-law, Peter Colyer, and my good friend, Theodorus Pelhemus, Esq., executors.

Witnesses, Lucas Burbanck; Peter Vandewater; Cornelius H. Bogart, of Bushwick, yeoman. Proved, February 21, 1784.

Page 264.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ABRAHAM TERWILLEGEN, yeoman, of the precinct of Shawangunk, Ulster County, being weak in body. I leave to Sarah Terwillegen, one of the daughters of my nephew, Teunis Terwillegen, one negro girl named Peggy; nevertheless, Catharine, wife of the said Teunis, shall have the use (during her lifetime) of said negro girl, she bringing her up and giving her a maintenance. Unto Abraham (son of said Teunis), my farm and other real estate, for life; at his decease, to the first heir male of his body; and to the first issue male of such heirs, forever. For default of such issue, then to remain to my own right heirs, forever. After my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my personal estate, the remainder unto said Abraham. My executors to sell my personal estate by public vendue, except my two negro

boys, Jack and Lank, and negro child Tilly; Also, a young black mare, and two heifers, which my nephew, Teunis Terwillegen, shall keep and have use of the same and Abraham's estate until Abraham come of age; he also, to pay rental of £14 per annum; said rent to be for the education and maintenance of Abraham. If my negro man slave Joe and wench Floe shall not incline to be sold, my nephew Teunis to keep and have the use of them until Abraham is twenty-one. I make Cornelius C. Schoonmaker, Matthew Jansen, and Johannis Bruyn, executors.

Dated March 25, 1773. Witnesses, Cornelius Decker and Abraham Decker, both of the precinct of Shawangunk, farmers; and Johannis Bruyn. Proved, January 18, 1784.

Page 265.—In the name of God, Amen. The fourth day of September, 1757. I, JOSAPHAT DU BOIS, of the Town of Roschester, Ulster County, yeoman, being very sick in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be first paid. I leave to my three well-beloved daughters, Maria, wife of Hendrickus Hornbeck, Corneleja, wife of Johannis Grad: Hardenbergh, and Catharennia Du Bois, all my lands, other real estate, barks, orchards, gardens, etc.; Also, all my money in cash, mortgages, bonds, book-debts, etc., in equal shares; one third part six weeks after the decease of my dearly beloved wife Tjatje Du Boys, or at her marriage, when she is to quit all claim to my estate; while my widow, she is to remain in full possession, provided she is not to Bazel away any part unlawfully; nevertheless, should any of my above named daughters die without heirs of their own issue, then the descendent's share to go to the survivors, equally. I make my wife and my three daughters executors.

Dated September 4, 1759. Witnesses, Lawrence Cortreght; Jacobus Van Keuren, of said precinct, yeoman; Abraham Van Keuren. Proved, January 17, 1784.



Page 267.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS VAN DUYN, yeoman, of Brooklyn, Kings County, being in perfect health. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my dearly beloved wife Phebe, my whole estate, during widowhood. At her remarriage she may take of my household furniture whatever she may think proper to furnish one room sufficiently, and choose two of my negro wenches; likewise, whatever the law entitles her to for dowry. Unto the children of the following persons, £1,000 in equal shares, namely: my brothers, Garret and William Van Duyn, Machaltie Rapalja, Jacomanty Rynier Vaghte, Altie Peterson, Cornelia Veghte, Catharine Hegemen, Jerrhe Peterson, Gerbrant Peterson, Albert Peterson, Thomas Peterson, Machaltie Staats, and Christina Nostrand; payable to the children living when my estate is divided, at my wife's death or intermarriage. Unto my eldest brother, Garret Van Duyn's son, Cornelius, all my wearing apparel, my best saddle and bridle, holsters, pistols and gun; Also, £50; unto the said Cornelius Van Duyn's daughter, Altie, £50; unto David Sprung's daughter, Phebe, £60; unto Albert Peterson's daughter Phebe, £30, payable at the said division. The remainder of my estate, after above legacies be paid, to be divided as follows: one half to my two sisters, Machaltie Staats and Christina Nostrand, and their children, in equal shares; the other moiety to be equally divided amongst Jacobus Van Deventer, Saytie Sprung, Ida Striker, and Mary, wife of William Bennet, my wife's relatives. At my wife's death or intermarriage, my whole estate to be sold and divided as above ordered. I make my wife Phebe, Garret Nostrand, Jacobus Vandeventer and Fernandus Suydam, executors.

Dated March 6, 1767. Witnesses, Christopher Codwise, Capt., now of the City of New York; Thomas Candell; Nathan Fish. Proved, February 28, 1784.

Page 269.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANDREW ABRAMSE, of the Township of New Rochelle, Westches-

ter County, gentleman, being in health of body. I leave to my beloved wife Magdalene, for the maintenance and support of herself and my daughter Jamima, the income of my whole estate, as long as my daughter is unmarried, and lives with my wife, and be under twenty-one, if my wife shall so long remain my widow. Unto my said daughter, one half of my whole estate, at her majority, or marriage; the income of the other half unto my wife while my widow. At her marriage, the use of that part of my household furniture which I received with her at marriage; my negro Secundus, and the income of one third of my real and personal estate. The remainder of my whole estate unto my daughter Jamima. Should she die before twenty-one, and without lawful issue, then the use of my whole estate to my wife, while my widow; at her death or remarriage, my farm in New Rochelle with appurtenances, and my house and lot of ground fronting to Burnets Street and near the old Slip market in the City of New York, unto Anthony Abramse and Jacob Abramse of the said city, merchants, in equal shares. Should my daughter die under twenty-one and without lawful issue, in manner aforesaid, after the death or remarriage of my wife, then the income of my two houses fronting Wall Street in said city to my brother, Abram Abrahamse, my sister, Francyntje Bergen, and the children of my brother, Arnout Abramse, deceased, in equal shares, during the natural lives of my brother and sister. Should this devise take effect, then after the death of my brother and sister, the two houses in Wall Street to go to the children of my brother Arnout and sister Francyntje, in equal shares, provided, no challenge or demand be made for any gift, bequest, etc., out of the estate of Lybitje Neelen, deceased, which is devised to me and my representatives after the decease of Sarah Neelen. If my daughter should die before twenty-one, without lawful issue, and my brother Abraham or sister Francyntje or their heirs, or heirs of my brother Arnout, deceased,



should challenge, etc., then my executors are to sell the two houses and lots of ground fronting to the Wall Street in said City; out of the proceeds of sale to pay such persons as shall be entitled to receive parts of the estate of Lybitje Neelen, deceased, devised as above. The overplus with the remainder of my estate to be divided: one half to Anthony Abramse and Jacob Abramse, in equal shares; the other half part to the children of my brother, Arnout Abramse, deceased, and of my sister Francyntje, in equal shares. I make my daughter Jamima, Anthony, and Jacob Abramse, executors.

Dated December 31, 1768. Witnesses, Jacobus Bleecker; Theodorus Bartow, of New Rochelle; John Bleecker. Proved, February 21, 1784.

[NOTE.—Jamima Bartow, qualified as executrix.]

Page 272.—Know all men by the presents, I, SAMUEL BOWNE, of the City of New York, merchant, being well in health of body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors soon after my decease, out of first monies received. I leave to my wife Abigail, my dwelling house, store-house and lot of ground in said city, now in my possession, distinguished in a map of my land where I now live, made by Gerard Bancker on the twenty-first day of October last, by lot Number one fronting on Queens Street, twenty-six feet; in the rear, thirty-six feet, eight inches; extending in length from Queens Street to the wall of my garden; with all buildings thereon, during her widowhood. At her death or remarriage, the said property to my son Samuel. Should she remarry, £500 out of my personal estate. Unto my son William, my other house and lot adjoining the above mentioned, and now in the tenure of Robert Needham, distinguished on the aforesaid map as Lot Number two, being of twenty-one feet, eight inches frontage on Queens Street, and thirty-six feet, eight inches in the rear, from the said street to the garden wall, with the build-

ings thereon including the stable. Unto my son James, one half of my garden laid out for two lots, mapped as lots Number three and four; adjoining the house and ground of Henry Brasher; running thirty-eight feet in front, and in length (along the ground of Lawrence Kortright, sixty feet, nine inches), in the rear of said lot number two, in width, thirty-six feet, eight inches. Unto my daughter Abigail, the other half of my garden; mapped as lots number five and six, fronting said property of Henry Brasher; thirty-eight feet front; in length along the ground of Henry Beekman, seventy-two feet, six inches; thirty-six feet, eight inches wide in the rear. I expect the street which is now stopped up by the house of Henry Brasher will hereafter be opened. Whether or not, I do not intend there should be any passage or way through lots number one and two, or either of them to lots three, four, five and six or either of them. Unto my son Matthew, my house and lot fronting Burling's Slip, now in the tenure of Benjamin Heaviland and George Farrington. All my printed books unto my wife and children in equal shares. Unto my son Samuel, my gold studs, silver buckles and iron chest; unto my son Matthew, my watch; unto my son James, £200, out of my personal estate, payable in a convenient time after my decease; unto my daughter Abigail, £800; but should she be not married at the time of my decease, then she is to have my newest mahogany Chest upon chest of drawers, eight mahogany chairs, one of the best beds with its bedding and furniture, one dressing table, with a dressing glass and one other of the looking glasses. Should she be married or not living when I die, the said household goods to my wife Abigail, who is also to have the remainder of my household goods and plate. In consideration of the faithful services of my negro woman called Isabella, I do manumit and set her free, and she shall, if she pleases, have the benefit of her freedom; my executors to pay her as annuity, the interest of £150; at her death the principal to be



divided equally between my wife and children. But as said Isabella is infirm and growing old, if she choose to remain with my wife, I give her to my wife, and advise my wife to be kind to her; the said £150 to be treated as part of the residue of my estate. The remainder of my whole estate unto my wife Abigail; my children, James, Matthew, Abigail, William and Samuel, in equal shares; those of full age to be paid one and a half after my death; those who are under twenty-one, one and a half years after my death, to be paid as they respectively arrive at full age. My executors to invest the shares of such of my children as are minors at the time of my death; to let their real estates to good Tenants, and to apply sufficient of the rents thereof towards their maintenance and education. What I have given to my wife is in lieu of dower. My executors to leave to arbitration, all disputes that may arise relating to my trade and mercantile affairs; to settle advantageously with my debtors; to employ any person at the expense of my estate to sell my goods and merchandize; to alter any of my book debts to Bonds or Notes, with or without security; to endeavor to secure interest thereon; to change the notes and bonds for better security. I make my wife Abigail, my loving friends, John Lawrence and Thomas Pearsall, of the City of New York, merchants, executors; they to have five per cent. on the net proceeds of my personal estate.

Dated November 5, 1771. Witnesses, Joseph Lawrence; Isaac Willet, jr.; Elijah Pell, of Flushing, Queens County, yeoman.

Codicil. If the street which fronts the lots herein given to my son James and daughter Abigail, shall not be laid open within three years after my decease, then my executors, out of the legacies above given to my son Samuel, pay to my daughter Abigail, £300. In that case said lots 5 and 6 shall belong to my son Samuel; out of William's legacies pay to my son James, £300, and said lots 3 and 4 shall belong to my son Wil-

liam. My executors to retain in their hands sufficient of the respective portions of my sons, Samuel and William until the street matter is ascertained. My son James not to be chargeable with any debts I may have against him; it being my intention to cancel them. Instead of my friends, John Lawrence and Thomas Pear-sall, I make my sons, James and William, and my wife Abigail (they being such of my sons most conversant with accounts), executors.

Dated January 4, 1784. Witnesses, Lindley Murray; Richard Morrell; John Murray, jr., merchant, of said City. Proved, March 19, 1784.

Page 277.—To all Christian people to whom the Presents shall come, Know ye, I, EME HAINS, widow and relict of Godfrey Hains, deceased, of Harrison's precinct, Westchester County, for the love and affection I bear unto my son, Gilbert Haines, I leave to him, my frying pan, and one dozen round "Pottles" which he now has in his possession; for the same reason, unto my daughter, Sarah Reding, Jonathan Budd's bond for £10, bearing date July 1, 1769, payable with interest immediately after my decease, and not until then. For the same reason, unto my granddaughter, Sarah Ascough, daughter of William and Mary Ann Ascough, my looking glass. For the same reason, unto Sarah Reding and Sarah Ascough and William Ascough, daughter and son of the above named, all my household furniture in equal shares immediately after my decease. Unto my two said grandchildren, all my bonds, as follows: Joseph Miller and John Townsend, for £50, dated March 23, 1769; Thomas Merritt and Nathan Merritt, for £40, dated May 15, 1775; Jonathan Budd, for £40, dated April 6, 1776; Jonathan Budd, for £70, dated May 10, 1776; Nathaniel Smith and Joshua Lounsberg, for £100, November 25, 1776, together with interest due on day of my decease, principal and interest to be equally divided; payable to Sarah Ascough when she is eighteen; to William

when he is twenty-one. Should both die then the said moneys to my daughter, Mary Ann Merritt, formerly Mary Ann Ascough, to her own use and not for her husband; she to make a conveyance of the same according to her own design. Should she become a widow hereafter, then for the love and affection I bear to her, she is to have one-third of said bonds and interest. For the same reason, unto my granddaughter, Sarah Ascough, my negro child Sib; and unto my daughter, Mary Ann Merritt, my negro wench Hester, for life, to my daughter's disposal and control; at my daughter's death, said wench to go to my two grandchildren before mentioned. Also, unto them, all the money due from William Ascough's estate, which I disbursed for funeral charges, being £10, 17 shillings. I authorize Absalom Gedney of Phillipseburgh, in said County, for me, and to the use and benefit of the persons herein mentioned, after my decease, to take all my estate in his hands, and make disbursements and receive all my debts; to sue for and recover my debts; to take such prudent measures on all accounts as the law shall admit of, or require.

Dated November 22, 1782. Witnesses, Jacob Farrington; and Isaac Sniffen, of the White Plains, in the said County. Proved, February 23, 1784.

Page 280.—In the name of God, Amen. The seventh day of February, 1761. I, JACOBUS DEBEVOISE, of the Township of Brookland, Kings County, yeoman, being very sick and weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors at some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my well-beloved wife Maria, my whole estate in said township, while my widow, except eight acres of land, which shall go to my son Joost, to be taken off the hindpart of the farm where I now live; bounded easterly by land of John Ryerse; westerly by John Couenhoven, southerly by the Kings highway that leads from the ferry to Bedford, and northerly by my said farm. At the death

or remarriage of my wife Maria, all my real estate unto my two sons, Joost and Samuel, in equal shares, except the above mentioned legacy of eight acres. Unto my daughter Ida, wife of Ferdinand Sudam, £50, for her outset. Unto my daughter Marritie, the like sum, for same purpose on her marriage day. Unto my said two daughters, £150 each, to be paid by my two sons, Joost and Samuel, after the death or remarriage of my wife. Unto my said daughter Ida, three of my best cows; unto my daughter Marritie, three of my cows, to be delivered to her on her marriage day. At the death or remarriage of my wife, all my household goods unto all my aforesaid children, in equal shares; likewise, all my personal estate (not already disposed of), to go to my sons, Joost and Samuel, in equal shares. If any children die under age, and without lawful issue, the decedent's share to go equally to my living children. I make my wife Maria, and my son Joost, executors.

Witnesses, John Maxwel, Barent Jansen, Simon Boerum. Proved, March 19, 1784.

[NOTE.—The testator's signature was identified by Abraham Brower, of Brooklyn, miller; Charles Doughty, John Ryarson, and Johannes Debevois, all of Brooklyn, yeomen, identified the signatures of Simon Boerum and Barent Jansen. Letters of administration were granted to Fernandus Suydam, Esquire (son-in-law), and Elizabeth Debevoise (daughter-in-law of Jacobus Debevoise, late of Brookland, Kings County, deceased), and John Van der Bilt, all of Brookland, on March 31, 1784, the executors named in the will having died soon after the making of the will.]

Page 283.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL SELBY, formerly an inhabitant of the City of New York (Merchant), but late of the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, being in a weak and low habit of body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. I leave to the Methodist Preachers' Fund, £50;

to be paid into the hands of Francis Asbury, and appropriated by him to the benevolent purposes of the Institution, the fullest assurance of his integrity. Also, unto him, my silver watch, which I request him to accept as a remembrance of me. Unto William Budd, £8, to be laid out by him in my name towards the purchase of a store and painting the Methodist preaching-house in the New Mills; Also, £6 payable to the overseers or directors of each of the Methodist meeting-houses one in the County of Monmouth and the other near Clarks in the County of Salem. Said legacies to be paid as soon as they possibly can be collected after my decease. The remainder of my property to my dear friend, John Thompson, who was my partner in New York, whom I make executor.

Dated at New Mills, Burlington Co., N. J., August 1, 1783. Witnesses, John Wood, William Budd, Peter Stretch. Proved, September 3, 1783.

[NOTE.—The copy of the above will was certified by Bowes Reed, Reg^r of Wills in the State of New Jersey. The executor, John Thomson (or Thompson) qualified before His Excellency, William Livingston, Esquire, Governor, Captain-General, and Commander-in-chief in and over the State of New Jersey and territories thereunto belonging, Chancellor, and Ordinary in the same, under the Prerogative Seal of said State, at Burlington, in the year A.D. 1783.]

Page 284.—In the name of God, Amen. I, TUNIS VAN PELT, of the Township of Brooklin, Kings County, being sick in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. I leave to my son John, £5 for his birthright. All my real estate in Monmouth County in the Jerseys unto my two sons, Peter and Christopher Van Pelt, in equal shares; each to pay £10 to their brothers, Johannes and Alexander, and £50 each to my daughter Altie, wife of Peter Heyer, in Jersey. The debts owed me by my sons, Alexander and Johannes, on bond I discharge; my executors to give up the

bonds. All my other estate unto my son Winant, he paying £100 six months after my decease unto my daughter Maritie, wife of Mr. Holland; and £50 at same term to my granddaughter Caty, wife of Mr. Latham. I make my friend, Johannes Bergen, Esq., Tunis Bergen, and my son Winant, executors.

Dated December 17, 1779. Witnesses, Rachel Berry; Walter Berry, farmer, of Kings County; Nicholas Couwenhoven. Proved, February 28, 1784.

Page 285.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS HICKS, of Little Neck, in the Township of Flushing, Queens County, attorney at law, being sick and weak in body. I leave to Snider, my gardener, £20. Unto my sister, Mary Hicks, the rest of my personal estate. All my lands and real estate unto my sister, Mary Hicks, and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten, or to be begotten; for default of such issue, then unto Stephen Hicks and to his issue so born; in default, unto Richard Penn Hicks (one of the sons of my late friend and cousin, William Hicks, of Pennsylvania, deceased), in like manner; for want of such issue, then to the right heirs of said Richard Penn Hicks. To prevent mistakes I declare the above mentioned, Stephen Hicks, is the husband of my sister Mary. I make my sister, Mary Hicks, and my friend, Benjamin Kissam, executors.

Dated June 19, 1782. Witnesses, Stephen Van Wyck, of Little Neck, yeoman; Hannah Van Wyck, Elizabeth Van Wyck. Proved, March 21, 1784.

Page 287.—In the name of God, Amen. The twelfth day of June, 1759. I, GERRIT VAN BENTHUYSEN, of Rhinebeek precinct, Dutchess County, gentleman, being sick and weak in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be first paid at the right time. For the payment of my debts, my horses, cows and other horn cattle, swine, sheep, wagons, plows, and all other farming utensils; all my moveables, household stuff

(excepting two cows and what is hereafter given to my loving daughter Jannetje), to be sold by my executors. Unto my oldest son Barent, my silver tankard, for his primogeniture wherewith he is to rest satisfied, and make no further pretence of being my heir at law. Unto my son Peter, the two farms lying in said precinct, now in the occupation (by a certain indenture of lease for three lives) of Johannes Sherp and Aree Straat. Unto my daughter Jannetje, the tenement and farm in said precinct now occupied (and leased for three lives), of Hendrick Myer. Unto my two sons, Barent and Peter, all my clothes and wearing apparel, in equal shares. To my loving daughter Jannetje, for her outset of household goods, the two great looking glasses, the silver tea-pot, the great new copper tea-kettle, the table with the china ware belonging thereto, the chest, the drawers, her choice of one of the bedsteads and curtains, feather bed, pillows, pillow-cases, sheets, rug and blankets, all the pewter ware whereon her mother's name M V A stands; Also, six silver spoons and tea spoons, a silver sugar tong, all marked with F L, the two cows, and all women's clothes and apparel belonging to me. The remainder of my personal estate, moveable goods and chattels, after my debts are paid, and all moveables which may fall to my share after my father's decease. Unto my three children, Barent, Peter, and Jannetje, in equal shares. The remainder of my real estate with the appurtenances, and all real estate which may fall to me after my father's decease, to my said three children in equal shares. Unto my son Peter, my little Bible with silver hooks and Crams. Should all three children die without lawful issue, all my real estate to go to my brother, Peter Van Benthuisen, and my two sisters, Coatje, wife of Jacob Ten Broeck, and Annatje, widow and relict of Peter Van Aalen, in equal shares. I make my loving brother, Peter Van Benthuisen, and my said three loving children, executors.

Witnesses, Jurry Haas, John Jury Tremper; Chris-

tian Schultz, of Dutchess County, yeoman. Proved, February 5, 1783.

[NOTE.—On March 8, 1784, Jannetje Donnel (late Jannetje Van Benthuyzen), qualified as executrix.]

Page 290.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSEPH CARPENTER, of the Manor of Cortlandt, Westchester County, being in perfect health. All my just debts and funeral charges and other expenses to be first paid. I leave to Sarah, my well-beloved wife, the use of my estate during her widowhood. Should she have a child or children during my life, the remainder, after her third part for her use during her life is paid to her, is to return to my children, payable at my executors' discretion. Should I die without issue, and my wife should marry after taking her thirds of the remainder, half of what remains in my executor's hands is to be equally divided between my two nephews, Joseph Crane, son of John and Tamer Crane, and Carpenter Lewis, son of Henry and Sarah Lewis, the other half equally between the above named Joseph Crane and Carpenter Lewis, and Benjamin Carpenter, son of Caleb and Amey Carpenter, and Caleb Carpenter, son of Gabril Carpenter. I make my wife Sarah, and my trusty friends, Gilbert Pinkney and Caleb Carpenter, executors.

Dated December 30, 1775. Witnesses, Jonathan Travis, jr.; Elijah Barto; Moses Travis, of Westchester County, farmer. Proved, April 10, 1776. Approved, March 9, 1784.

Page 291.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JONATHAN BLAKE, of the City of New York, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life. I leave to my beloved wife Jane, the dwelling house and lot of ground in the North Ward of said city; fronting to John Street; bounded south by the estate of Rip Van Dam, deceased; west by James Devereux; east by the estate of Anthony Rutgers, deceased; north by John Street;

being 25 ft. x 87 ft. Also, the lot of ground in said Ward, in Augustus Street, mapped by Evert Banker, Surveyor of the City of New York; and numbered lot thirty-three; bounded in front by said street; in the rear by lot number forty-eight; being 25 ft. front, $92\frac{1}{2}$ ft. on the south-west side, 94 ft. on the north-east side. Also, the lot of ground in said ward in Augustus Street, mapped and numbered thirty-four. Also, a lot in George Street, mapped and numbered lot forty-eight. Also, one half of three lots of ground in said city, in Anne Street, and opposite the North Dutch Church (the other half being the property of Daniel Dunscomb), together with the appurtenances to said tenements and all my freehold and real estate; all while my widow. Also, unto her, all my personal estate. At her death or remarriage, all my real estate above mentioned to go to my children: my four daughters, Mary, Johanna, Jane and Elizabeth, and my son Robert, each one fifth part; to them, two-thirds of my personal estate in equal shares; the remaining one third part to my beloved wife, whom I make executor.

Dated August 17, 1776. Witnesses, John Mason; Robert Manley, of said city, coach-maker; Elizabeth Wilson. Proved, March 9, 1784.

Page 294.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOBUS ROOSEVELT, Jr., of the City of New York, merchant, being at present in perfect health of body. After all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid I leave to my son John, £5. The use of the residue of my estate unto my beloved wife Annatje, while my widow, for her own maintenance and that of my children, and their education, until they respectively are twenty-one, or married. Also, to pay out of the same to each of my children for their advancement in life, a sum at her discretion not exceeding £100, payable at majority or marriage; the children to have like sums with the one first advanced, and such sums are to be deducted from

their respective shares of my estate. If my personal estate and rents and income of my real estate be insufficient for the above purposes, then my executors shall sell for best obtainable prices, any two of my lots in the City of New York commonly called the Meadows; proceeds to be used as above directed. At the death or remarriage of my wife, all my real and personal estate to be sold and turned into money or good securities; proceeds to be divided: one eighth part to my beloved wife Annatje, if remarried, in trust for her own use during life; at her death to go as the residue of proceeds of sale of my estate. The remainder of said proceeds unto my seven children: Ann, John, Margaret, Jacobus, Helena, Mary and Nicholas, in equal shares. My executors, at the risque of my minor children, and unmarried, put their shares at interest on the best securities; such interest to go towards their maintenance and education. Should any child or children at my death stand charged to me on account of any monies, goods, furniture or other things, given to or advanced to any of them, such furtherance and advancement to be accounted as part of their respective shares. I make my wife Annatje, my son John, and my brother-in-law, Jacobus Bogart, and Isaac Roosevelt, of the said city, merchant, executors.

Dated December 30, 1771. Witnesses, William Wentworth; John J. Myers, of said city, scrivener; Mary McKesson; John McKesson. Proved, February 18, 1784.

Page 297.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HENDRICK VAN DE WATER, of the City of New York, gunsmith, being in a weak state of health. After all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my executors, I leave to my son Albertus, one large silver tankard, as being my eldest son, and bar from future pretences as heir at law to my real estate. The residue of my real and personal estate in six equal parts, to be paid in a proper time after my decease, one sixth part each to

my sons, Albertus, Henry, my daughter Elizabeth, wife to Jeremiah Brouwer, my daughter Margaret, wife to Edward Tilley, my daughter Sarah, wife to Luke Quick, and to Jannecke and Ann Pearse, the two children of my daughter Ann, deceased, late wife of William Pearse, each one twelfth part of said estate. Unto my son Henry, all my gunsmith's tools, immediately after my decease; whereas, he has had of me £50, it is to be discounted from his share. I make my son Albertus, Jeremiah Brouwer, and William Pearse, and my daughter Margaret, executors.

Dated May 2, 1771. Witnesses, Evert Byvanck; John Byvanck, and Petrus Byvanck, of the said City, merchants. Proved, February 18, 1784.

Page 299.—In ye name of God, Amen. I, STEPHEN SMITH, yeoman, of Smith Town, Suffolk County, being weak in body. I leave to my loving grandson, Obediah Smith, my homestead; beginning at the road, running westerly by the partition fence on the south of my homestead till it comes to Micah Smith's land; then to the orchard fence, etc.; taking in the yards and barn and dwelling house in which I now live. Likewise, unto him, all my land lying between the two roads leading to Mills Pond; bounded on the east by Josiah Smith, west by lands of William Mills, partly on the south by the branch roads, and also forty acres of land south of Josiah Smith's land, south of the road leading from the branch to Mills pond, and all my lands lying to the southward in the same long lot, except twenty acres on the south end; leaving one rod wide from the country road to Milses road on the west side of the land for a road for my heirs to pass; Also, all my right in the meadow opposite Pig creek; likewise my edgings from the beach to the beach channel, and "also my salt and edgings below Goose Island from the beach to Porpos channel." Unto my two grandsons, Isaac and James Smith, a tract of land, and the house in which their father lived; adjoining Micah

Smith's and Charles Smith's, containing about three acres; Also, twenty acres of woodland on the south end of my land adjoining the country road; Also, all my rights upon the great thatch bed from the beach channel to Porpos channel; my rights at Long Creek; all my rights against Nathaniel Smith's Cove adjoining Edmons thatch bed; in equal shares. Unto my grandson Obediah, my farming utensils, two horses, one yoke of cattle, and the remainder of my moveable estate except what I shall give to Unice Conkling, my granddaughter, that is, two beds with their clothing and furniture, two tables, one looking glass, one two year old colt, side-saddle, and six large silver spoons. I make my son-in-law, Aaron Smith, and Joshua Hartt, executors.

Dated July 7, 1783. Witnesses, Charles Wheeler; Aaron Smith, yeoman; Joshua Hart, clerk; both of Smithtown. Proved, February 27, 1784.

Page 301.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS BRUSH, of the Township of Huntington, Suffolk County, husbandman, this eighteenth of December, 1778, being in reasonable health of body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors at some convenient time after my decease, and to receive my just dues, etc. I leave to my loving wife Temperance, my riding chair. My executors to sell all my moveables except my farming utensils. One third of proceeds of sale to go to my wife; two-thirds unto my three daughters, Rebecca Carl, Temperance Ketcham and Mary Wood, in equal shares. Unto my two sons, Thomas Brush, jr., and Jesse Brush, all my lands, meadows, etc., buildings, and farming utensils, in equal shares. I make my two sons-in-law, Gilbert Carll and Jesse Ketcham, and my son Thomas, executors; they to be reasonably rewarded for their trouble.

Witnesses, Richard Conckling; Henry Titus, of said county, yeoman; Benjamin Denton. Proved, March 8, 1784.

Page 303.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES TRAVIS, of the Manor of Cortlandt, Westchester County, yeoman farmer, being very unwell. After all my just debts and funeral charges be paid, I leave to Phebe, my dearly beloved wife, the best horse on the farm, one side saddle, my moveable estate, and the land remaining after my debts are paid (my executors to sell of the north end sufficient to do this); while my widow. Should she remarry, said remainder of land to be sold, and my moveable estate, at my executors' discretion, to be equally divided between my wife and all my children (only my son James I give £5), Susannah, Gilbert, Jesse, Phebe and John. Should any die before marriage or majority, the decedent's part to go equally among the rest. I make my beloved true and trusty friends, Phebe, my wife; and Andrew Lamorcux, both of said place, executors.

Dated August 3, 1779. Witnesses, Robert Cock; Naomy White, of said Manor, Quakeress; Isaac Hatfield. Proved, March 6, 1784.

Page 304.—I, HANNAH KETCHAM, of Huntington, Suffolk County, this third day of February, 1784, being in perfect mind and memory. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors as soon as convenient after my decease. I leave to my son Platt, one feather bed. My two daughters, Sarah and Hannah Ketcham, to have two cows and two beds apiece. The rest of my estate to be sold; the proceeds to go equally to my two said daughters. I make my good friends, Philip Conkling, Jonathan Titus and Jeremiah Wood, executors.

Witnesses, Ezekiel Conkling, of said County, cordwainer; Timothy Conkling, Amos Platt. Proved, March 6, 1784.

Page 306.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM NICHOLS, of Huntington, Suffolk County, being weak in body. I give to my wife Rachel, the bed and bedding

which belonged to her before her marriage; a red broadcloath cloke; Also, a fine Shift, which belonged to my former wife. The remainder of my former wife's clothes, and some small baby's clothes, to be equally divided between my two sons, Zopher and Samuel. Unto my son Platt, the best suit of my own wearing apparel; the remainder of my clothes unto my youngest son, Jacob. The rest of my moveable estate and my house and farm to be sold, and all debts, funeral expenses, etc., to be paid. Any remainder to be equally divided between my said four sons, allowing my eldest son, Zophar, five shillings more than the rest. I make Mr. Josiah Rogers and my two sons, Zophar and Samuel, executors, and trustees for my wife and children.

Dated January 4, 1784. Witnesses, Zebadiah Bunce; Phineas Sell, of said County, tailor; Philander Vaughan. Proved, February 28, 1784.

Page 307.—In the name of God, Amen. The twenty-third day of August, 1782. I, JONATHAN SMITH, of Huntington, Suffolk County, husbandman, being infirm in body. I leave to Elisabeth, my wife, £100; one horse, my riding chair, two cows, all my house goods, and all my negroes, while my widow. Unto my granddaughter, Elisabeth Carll, daughter of my son-in-law, Lemuel Carll, £50; payable by my executors when she is eighteen. "Should my said daughter die under age," and without lawful issue, the said sum is to be equally divided between my two sons, Zadoc and Josiah. Unto said two sons, all my lands, meadows, buildings, etc., farming tackling and utensils, and my stock, not disposed of, in equal shares. Also, all my outstanding debts; they to pay my funeral charges and all I justly owe; this to be done before any legacies be paid. Any overplus after these be discharged, to be divided as above to my two sons. I make my two sons, Zadoc and Josiah Smith, and my brother-in-law, Thomas Conkling, of Southold, executors.

Witnesses, David Smith, of said County, yeoman; Ephraim Chichester, John Ketcham. Proved, March 8, 1784.

Page 309.—In the name of God, Amen. This tenth day of January, 1777. I, NATHAN VEIL, of Eastchester, being sick in my body. I leave to my loving wife Susanah, my household goods and moveable estate (except one bed and its furniture). Unto my two loving sons, Phineas and Nathan, the homestead where I now dwell, in equal shares. Unto my loving daughter Christian, £30; to be paid her by my sons when she is fully eighteen; and one half of a bed and furniture; the other half unto my daughter Rachel, and also £30, payable as above. If her grandfather charges her for her board, it shall be paid out of her money. I make my loving brother, Joseph Veil, and my wife Susana, executors; they to sell my land in Long Reach to pay my just debts and funeral charges, one month after my decease.

Witnesses, Anthony Volentine; Daniel Townsend, of Eastchester, yeoman; Cornelius McCarthy. Proved, March 6, 1784.

Page 310.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BASIL BARTOW, of the Broughtown of West Chester, calling to mind the uncertainty of this mortal life. After my just debts and funeral charges are paid, I leave to my wife Clarina, all the goods and chattels that are remaining which she brought with her at or before our marriage; Also, two good feather beds, bedsteads and furniture; the sitting chairs, tables, looking glasses, and china ware, usually kept in the parlour; my riding chair and horse; Also, £800 in cash or bonds. Likewise unto her, the use of the room called the parlour and the chamber over it in my now dwelling house, the use of the northwest part of the cellar, as partitioned off, and such part of the kitchen for her wench to live in and do her work in, and the east side of the garden and peach orchard divided by line running southerly

from the north gate as the middle walk now runs to Quinby's orchard fence; her firewood, and apples for eating and cider for her own use; liberty of the wells, and to pass and repass to and from the several places of privilege without molestation or hindrance; Also, pasture for two cows and a horse; all for her natural life, or, while my widow; all to be in lieu of dower. Unto my daughter Clarina, £800; a negro girl called Jude; one feather bed, bedstead, and its furniture; one third part of my religious books and household furniture, not otherwise disposed of, the privilege of living in my now dwelling house, with her mother or brother during life, or until marriage. My executors to put the money at interest on good security, at her risque, to pay principal and interest when she is twenty-one, except so much interest money as she may reasonably want for her support to that time. Unto my son Punderson, all the lands, buildings and salt meadow, which I bought of Sarah Hunt and her son Gilbert; Also, the lot of salt meadow called the Parsonage Meadow; Also, the lot and buildings thereon, called Heden's Lot, which I bought of my brother, John Bartow; Also, the land adjoining thereto, which I bought of Duncan Reade; Also, a lot of woodland lying at North part of Cow Swamp adjoining to my brother John's land; Also, one equal undivided half part of a half of two lots of upland and two water-lots at New York belonging to my brother, John Bartow, and self, which we hold of the devises of Abraham Vanhorne and the Corporation of New York. The water-lots were granted to my brother John, and the half part of them released to me, together with one half the improvements that may be thereon at the time of my decease; Also, half of my right in the lands on Mine Fords Island, or the new City so called; Also, unto him, an equal half of the fourth part of a farm at the Nine Partners, belonging to my brother and self, which we bought of George Bugbee; Also, one third of my religious books, and household furniture; Also, £200. Unto my son, Basil

John, all my lands called the Homestead, with the buildings and improvements, except a piece of land in the field on the hill adjoining the old orchard, for a burying ground for myself, my children, and their heirs, brothers and their families, if they choose to bury there; which I give for the aforesaid use forever, with the privilege of passing to and from the King's highway through the old orchard. Also, my lands, salt meadow, and land called Scabby Indian, being lands willed to my brother and self by our deceased father, now vested in myself by a release from my brother; Also, a £25 privilege in the sheep pasture of Westchester; Also, the lands called the parsonage lands, and the lands I bought of John Oakley, and the lot of land and salt meadow, adjoining the great Creek; and the lot I bought of Hester N——, all in Town of Westchester; and one half of two lots of upland and two water lots at New York belonging to my brother John and self, which were willed by Abraham Vanhorne and the Corporation of New York; one half the water lots and improvements thereon at the time of my decease; Also, one half of a fourth part of said farm at Nine Partners, and half of my right on said Mine Fords Island; Also, one third of my religious books and household furniture. Unto the Minister, Church wardens and Vestrymen of the incorporated Church of England, known as St. Peter's Church, Westchester, £50 towards building a new church or repairing and enlarging the present Church for the worship of Almighty God; payable when they shall actually engage in such work. My executors to sell my personal estate not disposed of, or not wanted on the farm, together with the shop goods; proceeds and outstanding debts due to me, and the money remaining after the legacies be paid, to be put at interest for the use of my two sons, Punderson and Basil John, at their risque; an equal half of principal and interest to be paid to each son when twenty-one. Should my daughter Clarina die without lawful issue before she is twenty-one her

legacy to go equally to my two said sons. The devise of either of my sons so dying is to go to the survivor. My wife is to have the use of my real estate for the support of herself and children until my son Basil John is twenty-one; any overplus to be equally divided between my wife and children until my son Punderson is twenty-one, and takes his lands, then his share to cease; likewise the share of the profits coming to my daughter Clarina to cease when she is twenty-one or marries. The remainder of my whole estate, after just debts and funeral expenses be paid, to go equally to my two sons. My desire and request is that my wife and executors do take an especial care that my children be virtuously and religiously educated and kept from associating with vain and idle company, and that they be careful to have them learned to read, write and cypher, and such branches of the mathematics and literature as may qualify them for some necessary and useful employment in the world. I make my wife Clarina, my brother John, my nephew, John Bartow, son of Theophilus Bartow, and the Reverend Samuel Seabury, executors.

Dated December 16, 1780. Witnesses, Theophilus Bartow, William Bartow, and Augustus Bartow, of the Borough of Westchester, yeoman. Proved, March 11, 1784.

Page 314.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANNE STORM, widow of Thomas Storm, late of Philipsburgh, Westchester County, deceased, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my daughter Mary, wife of Garret Storm, all my household furniture, beds, bedding, and all my wearing apparel. The remainder of my whole estate unto my three children, John Sickels, Zacharias Sickels, and Mary Storm, in equal shares. Should any of said children die in my lifetime, the decedent's share to go to their children equally. I make my two sons, John and Zacharias Sickels, executors.

Dated May 11, 1774. Witnesses, Vander Clife Norwood; George Warner, of New York City, sail-maker. Proved, March 13, 1784.

Page 316.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIZABETH WILLIAMS, of Bowery lane in the suburbs of New York, being weak in body. My body to be decently interred in the old English Church yard in the burying ground of my late husband, Alexander Irvin. All my just debts to be paid by my executor as soon as my effects will conveniently enable him so to do after my decease. I leave to my nephew, William Sermon, one shilling, British currency only, being as much as I think him intitled to in full of all claims to be by him made out of my effects. After payment of debts, funeral charges and said legacy, all my estate unto my good friend, Medeas Eden, of the City of New York, brewer, whom I make executor.

Dated February 23, 1784. Witnesses, Francis Davis, attorney at law; and Oliver Hobbs, carpenter, both of said city. Proved, March 13, 1784.

Page 317.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOB WRIGHT, of Cortlandt's Manor, Westchester County, being weak in body this fourth day of the fifth month, 1783. I leave to my eldest son, William, five shillings; the like sum to my daughters, Rachel and Marythe. Unto my daughter Phebe, £5; unto my daughter Sarah, five shillings. Unto my wife Sarah, the rest of my whole estate, while my widow; then it is given to my son Job. I make my wife Sarah, and my son Job, executors.

Witnesses, Thomas Underhill, Soloman Comes, and William Powell, of said Manor, blacksmith, a Quaker. Proved, March 10, 1784.

Page 318.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES WELLS, of the City of New York, shop-keeper, being in a weak state of health in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors within

some convenient time after my decease. Over and above the fee to Doctor Bard for the education of my son James, which shall be paid out of my estate, I give my son James, £25. Unto my sons, Nicholas and William, my negro man called Jeff. Unto my son James, my dwelling house wherein I now reside, and the front half of the lot adjoining; unto my son Nicholas, the south half of said lot. Unto my son William, the north half of my lot in the river, fronting opposite the half lot given to Nicholas; unto my son John, the south half of said water-lot. The residue of my personal estate to be put at interest on real estate security; said interest and income of my real estate to go towards the support and education of my children during their minority at the prudence and discretion of my executors. Except the £25 and negro man before mentioned, my said four children to share equally in my whole estate, to this end when James is twenty-one, my executors, to nominate such person or persons to appraise the said dwelling house and lots of ground respectively devised to my sons, and equalize their portions of my estate by such sums of money as may be necessary. The more valuable of said lots to be assessed to make up any deficiency in value of other shares. I make my worthy friends, George Remsen, Francis Dominick and Nicholas Carmer, of the City of New York, executors.

Dated February 11, 1783. Witnesses, John Nixon; Robert Melven, of St. John in the Province of Nova Scotia, carpenter; Bartholomew Crannel. Proved, March 15, 1784.

Page 321.—In the name of God, Amen. The nineteenth day of February, 1784. I, JOHN JOHNSON, of Brooklin, Township of Brooklin, Kings County, yeoman, being very sick and weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be first paid by my executors some convenient time after my decease, out of my personal estate. I leave to Polly, my dearly be-

loved wife, in whom I am well pleased, my whole estate in Brooklin, and elsewhere, for her use while my widow, she making no waste; and reserving two rooms in my now dwelling house for the use of my mother, Phebe Johnson. An annuity of £50 to be paid to my mother by my executors for her maintenance. Should my wife remarry, my wife is to have £400 on demand; Also, all the furniture she brought into my estate, to be in lieu of dower. At her decease or remarriage, unto my son Teunis, the house I now live in, adjoining lands, farm, buildings, etc.; Also, the one half of my salt meadow and of my woodlands, when he is twenty-one; he paying to my son John, £1,000; two years after he gets in full possession; unto my son John, both the two dwelling houses at Brooklin and adjoining lands; Also, the remaining half of the said salt meadow and woodlands, when twenty-one. Unto my two sons, Teunis and John, the remainder of my undisposed of personal estate in equal shares; at their majority. My executors to sell and make proper conveyances of all my negroes and negro wenches, only the wench Susan and Jane excepted; proceeds of sale to purchase other in the room for the use of my family. My executors to take an inventory of my estate in money. I make my wife, my friend Vernandus Suydam, and my friend, Joost Wyckoff, executors.

Witnesses, John Moser, inn-keeper, and John Johnson, jr., yeoman, both of Township of Brooklyn; John Vandervoort. Proved, March 15, 1784.

Page 323.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BENJAMIN TANNER, of the City of New York, mariner, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be first paid. I leave to my eldest son John, £10; in full of any pretensions as being my heir at law. Unto my dearly beloved wife Mary, all my estate for life, and for the support of herself and children and their education. At her decease, my whole estate to go to my children, John, Benjamin, Ann, Mary and Eliza-

beth Tanner, in equal shares. The share of any of my children, dying under twenty-one and before marriage, to go equally to the survivors. My executors may sell any part of my estate at discretion, and at any time after my decease. Any money I have at the time of my death, to be put at interest for my family's support. I make my loving wife Mary, and my brothers, Thomas Vardill and Anthony Tiebout, executors.

Dated June 4, 1763. Witnesses, Peter Bogert, of said City, black-smith; John Phenix, James Emott. Proved, March 17, 1784.

Page 325.—In the name of God, Amen. The twenty-third day of March, 1780. I, JOHANNES DURYEA, of Sowerland, Summerset County, State of New Jersey, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges and other expenses to be first paid. I leave to my loving wife Anna, the use of my whole estate while my widow; for the bringing up, maintaining, etc., of my children not yet of age; or, until my youngest child is twenty-one. Should she marry again, then she is to have one seventh of my estate, and this to be in lieu of dower. Unto my children named Cornelia, Neltje, Anna, Magdelene, Elizabeth and Maria, each an equal seventh when my wife marries and my youngest daughter is twenty-one. Should she not marry the estate to be in her hands for life; at her death to be divided by my executors. I make my loving son-in-law, John Brewer, of Sowerland, and my nephew, Charles Duryea, son of Dirick and Richard Norwood, both of Fishkills, N. Y., executors.

Witnesses, Peter Perlee; Peter Demott, of Shannock, Somerset County in East New Jersey, cordwainer; Isaac Van Arsdalen. Proved, February 9, 1784.

Page 326.—In the name of God, Amen. I, GEORGE SOULE, of the Great Nine Partners, Dutchess County, blacksmith, being sound and perfect in mind and mem-

ory. I leave to my well-beloved wife Lydia, all my lands, goods and chattels; to be occupied by her during life; the estate to be kept together, but in case of want she to have liberty to dispose of it. I appoint my wife and son, Rouland Soule, executors. After the decease of my wife my estate to go equally to my children. The share of my son George, deceased, to go to his son Joseph; that belonging to my daughter Margaret unto her five daughters; that of my daughter Lydia, deceased, unto her children. Should any of my children die before my wife, their dividend to go equally to their children.

Dated June 29, 1776. Witnesses, John White; Elijah Hoag, of Dutchess County, yeoman. Proved, February 28, 1784.

Page 328.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ROBERT HINCHMAN, of the Township of Jamaica, Queens County, being sick and weak in body. I leave to my dearly beloved wife Johanna, all my estate, while my widow. Unto my children, Nehemiah, Polly, John, Daniel, Robert and Benjamin, my whole estate in equal shares; notwithstanding the above, the seven acres of land that I have lying between the lands of the Rev^d Abm. Kettletas and Mr. Samuel Jones, be disposed of soon after my decease. I make my cousin, Robert Furman, David Lambertson, my son Nehemiah and my wife Johanna, executors.

Dated January 26, 1784. Witnesses, James Cebra, of said County, storekeeper; Joseph Robinson, Daniel Menema. Proved, February 26, 1784.

Page 329.—In the name of God, Amen. This nineteenth day of April, 1783. I, PETER HOGOBOM, of Beekman's precinct, Dutchess County, farmer, being very sick and weak in body. I leave to my eldest son, John, five shillings as his birthright. Unto Bartho'w Hogoboom, who goes by that name, five shillings. And after the determination of that estate, all the rest of

my goods and chattels, lands and tenements, equally unto my dear wife Elizebeth and my children, John, Jacob, Elizabeth, Sarah, Peter, Margreat, Hannah, James, Polly and Catrin. John has had part of my estate, esteemed as part of his portion. I charge and desire my loving wife and well-beloved children so far as they do expect the Lord Almighty to have mercy upon their souls, and His blessing upon their worldly business and affairs, that they will agree and divide agreeable to the true intent and meaning of this will. I make my wife Elizabeth, and Bartholomew Noxon, jr., executors.

(Signed)

"PETER HOOGEBOOM."

Dated April 19, 1783. Witnesses, Smiten Tripp, of said County, yeoman; Jones De Long, Samuel Irish. Proved, March 11, 1784.

Page 331.—The last will and testament of Samuel Jones, senior, in the drowneded lands of the precinct of Goshen, Orange County, this fifteenth day of May, 1781. In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL JONES, being weak of body. I leave to my grandson, Nathan Jones, all my rights in lands on the west side of the Wallkill; Also, my lot on the west side of Mount Eve. Unto my oldest son, Cornelius, all my rights in the remaining part of the undivided lands in the aforesaid county. Unto my grandson, Michael Allison Jones, the two lots joining the homestead, Nos. 2 and 3, namely: Gillson's lot and the old lot; Also, the lot I bought from Gustin. Unto my granddaughter, Elenor Sheridan, my bed and bedding. My Cedar Swamp to be equally divided between my three grandsons, Samuel, Michael, and Andrew Jones. Should either of these die under age, his share to go to the survivor. Unto my grandson Cornelius, my black mare; unto my grandson Samuel, my yearling colt; unto my granddaughter, Rebekah Chandler, one cow; to my grandson Nathan, four sheep; to my granddaughters, Hannah Jones and Rebecca Chandler, each one pair of sheets; to my daugh-

ter Hannah Sheridan, my low chest; my wearing apparel unto my son Cornelius. My said daughter Hannah to have two basons, three plates, and one platter. Unto my granddaughter, Elenor Sheridan, one tea kettle; unto my grandson, George Jones, my sword and gun. My funeral charges and lawful debts to be paid; if there be an overplus my grandson Andrew to have £10; the remainder to go to my son Cornelius' children at my executors' discretion. I make my trusty friend, Peter Gale, and my grandson, Nathan Jones, and Hannah Jones, executors.

Witnesses, John Conner, of Goshen, schoolmaster; Anthony Dobbin, of said precinct, labourer; Michael Jackson. Proved, February 28, 1784.

Page 333.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ROBERT LYONS, being in sound mind and memory, this tenth day of April, 1776. All my lawful debts to be paid by my executors. I leave to my sister, Elizabeth Lyons, £5. Unto my sisters, Marthew and Mary, £5 each; to my sisters, Searey and Jean, £10 each; should there not be enough each legacy to be proportionately reduced; any overplus to my sister Searey's oldest son. I make Richard Colman and George Denniston, executors.

Witnesses, James Greer; Alexander Denniston, of Precinct of Wallkill, Ulster County; George Denniston. Proved, March 6, 1784, in Orange County.

Page 334.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB BANTA, of the City of New York, cartman, being in good health. All my just debts and funeral charges and expenses to be paid out of my personal estate; if insufficient out of real estate. I leave to my son Jacob, £5 as his birthright; payable when he is twenty-one. Unto my dearly beloved wife Jane, the use of the house wherein I now live, during her widowhood. Should the said house be sold, she is to have, out of the proceeds of my estate, a comfortable house to live in in full

of her dower right. Should she marry again my executors shall pay her £50. Unto my daughters, Annatie and Rebecca, equally, £200, the choice of two negro slaves; payable and delivered when Rebecca is twenty-one, or either marries. All my children to board with my wife till they severally are twenty-one. The interest of the legacies given to Annitie and Rebecca to be paid and applied to their comfortable support and maintenance. The remainder of my estate to my children, or the survivors of them, in equal shares. That my estate may be beneficial to my children, I order that on the marriage of either of my children, a division be made, as far as may be possible; Also, when either is twenty-one; executors to take only a receipt on account; the full distribution, when my youngest child is of age. I make my wife Jane, my daughter Annitie and my friend, Peter Hegeman, of the City of New York, merchant, executors.

Dated September 25, 1782. Witnesses, John Woods, jr., William Sackett, jr., John Woods, of said City, Esquire. Proved, March 18, 1784.

Page 336.—In the name of God, Amen. I, RICHARD FLOYD, of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, being low and weak in body. I leave to my oldest son, Richard, all my neck and farm land called Pattersquash, whereon he now lives, with all my other lands in the Manor of St. George, and in the Township of Brookhaven, and elsewhere upon the south side of the Island; and all my estate in the South Beach; Also, half of the South Bay and the creeks and islands therein; all my negro and Indian servants; the household furniture; stock of neat cattle, horses, sheep and swine; the utensils of husbandry (except the moveables on my farm in the middle of the Island where I now live) for of that I only give him the half of the stock and farming tackling; all my lands and rights of commonage southward of the County road near the middle of the Island. Unto my son Benjamin, all my houses and lands in

Brookhaven and my rights of commonage north of said road, with all my negro and Indian servants; the household furniture, stock of neat cattle, utensils of husbandry belonging to said premises; and the other half the stock farming tackling on the farm whereon I now dwell; Also, my negro boy Tice to be taken after his mother's decease or widowhood; Also, the other half of South Bay; Also, £200. As I have heretofore made some provision for my beloved wife Elizabeth, I make no further addition except my three negro wenches Jude, Zipporah and Kate (but not Kate's child, for that I give to my son Benjamin), with two good beds and suitable furniture for the same out of my son Benjamin's portion, all the silver plate she brought to me. Further, my negro boy Tice, while my widow; the use of the furniture in my now dwelling house. Also to her, £20 to buy her mourning and a ring. My sons, Richard and Benjamin, to support and provide for their mother, sufficient apparel, all other necessities and conveniences, while my widow, of their mutual expense and charges; Also, they shall provide the same (except apparel), and take care of my daughter Mary. Also, necessities for my three wenches while they live with my wife. Unto my daughter Mary, after her mother's decease or widowhood, my beds, linen and household furniture belonging to my dwelling house; and £400; payable with interest on her marriage day, or when she is twenty-one; her support to continue from her brothers until either of said events. After my just debts are paid by my sons (whom I make executors), and the legacies discharged, the residue of my money, bonds and other securities, unto my two sons, in equal shares.

Dated February 22, 1768. Witnesses, John Homan, jr., and Daniel Petty, both of Suffolk County; W. Nicoll, jr. Proved, March 17, 1784.

Page 339.—In the name of God, Amen. I, GEORGE WILLIS, of Newark Township, Essex County, State of

New Jersey, being weak in body. All my just debts to be paid. I leave to my dear and loving wife Margaret, my whole estate for life; at her death to dispose of it at her will and pleasure. I make my true and loving friends, William Dow and John Somendik, executors.

Dated October 31, 1779. Witnesses, Michael Vreeland, John Dow, jr., of New York City, mason; James Dow. Proved, March 24, 1784.

Page 341.—The State of New Jersey. To all to whom these presents shall come. Greeting: Know ye that among the Records remaining in our Register's Office of Wills at Burlington it is contained as follows: In the name of God, Amen. I, ENNIS GRAHAM, late of the City of New York, merchant; but now of Middlesex County, N. J.; born in North Britain; being weak in body. I leave to Elizabeth, my dearly beloved wife, £2,000, or its value; Also, the interest of £1,000 more for life. At her decease, the said £3,000 unto my sons, Ennis, Alexander, and John, and to my daughter, Sarah Graham, in equal shares. Unto my wife, all my household furniture, plate, etc., together with my negroes. At her decease the same unto my three daughters, Sarah, Elizabeth and Jane Graham, in equal shares. Unto all my children the residue of all my estate in like manner; namely, Ennis, Alexander, John, Sarah, Elizabeth, James, Edward, Jane, Charles, and William. The shares to go to my daughters, Sarah, Elizabeth and Jane to be entailed on them, not to be broken by marriage. Unto my eldest son an additional sum of £5 for his birthright. I make my wife Elizabeth, and my trusty and well-beloved friends, Mr. Walter Buchanan, merchant, and Mr. Thomson, merchant and saddler, both of City of New York, executors.

Dated September 15, 1777. Witnesses, Israel Read, Michael Field, Peter Cochran.

[NOTE.—The will was proved by the deposition of Peter Cochran and Michael Field; the date is not

given. At Middlesex County, New Jersey, on September 24, 1777, the executrix and executors qualified before James Kirkpatrick, Surrogate. The exemplified copy is signed by "our trusty and well-beloved William Livingston, Esquire, our Governor; Captain General and Commander-in-chief in and over the State of New Jersey and territories thereunto belonging; Chancellor and Ordinary in the same, at Elizabeth Town, February 16, 1784." Attested by Bowes Reed, Secretary. Letters ancilliary were granted to the same executors by the Court of Probates of New York on March 25, 1784.]

Page 343.—In the name of God, Amen. The fourteenth day of March, 1765. I, GODFREY HELMER, of Canajohary, Albany County, being very sick and weak in body. I leave to my beloved wife Ana Margeretha, 50 acres of land in the New Patent No 118, granted to George Klock "in company, for her" while my widow; Also, the remainder of the estate I now live upon, as long as she will stay by all my children as my widow. Unto my beloved son Leonhart, all the right of said estate and my saw mill "to be commander of it till my four sons, of my deceased wife, being of age, to become equal partners of it." Unto my son Johannes, 120 acres of New Patent No 7. Unto my son Godfry, 100 acres of New Patent No 53. Unto my son Joost, 100 acres of New Patent 101. Unto my son Henry, 100 acres of New Patent 154. Lots No 7 and 53 must deliver timber for the saw mill; and timber, fencing and firewood for the said farm. Unto my four daughters, namely, Elizabeth, Margeretha, Christina and Catharina, £5 each to be paid by my five sons equally when demanded by my daughters. My daughter Margeretha to have the choice of living with any one of my sons during her life. The loose estate to be undivided until my children are of age, or one of my daughters shall marry; to take two cows if there is a stock of creatures not to be "hurtted" to the family. I make

Daniel Miller and Jacob Kraus, both of Canajoharie, executors.

Witnesses, Daniel Miller, Jacob Krausz, Andreas Reber, of Palatine District. Proved, December 1, 1783, at Tryon County.

[NOTE.—Letters of administration were granted on March 25, 1784, to John Helmer, of Canijohary district in the County of Montgomery, yeoman, a son of the testator; Daniel Miller and Jacob Kraus “are as is alleged likewise deceased.”]

Page 345.—In the name of God, Amen. The eleventh day of October, 1777. I, ROBERT CRAWFORD, yeoman, of Old Pound Ridge, Westchester County, being very sick and weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to Elizabeth, my loving wife, one third of the use of my lands and moveable estate during her life, excepting a piece of land in the Patent of Kayndrossora in Albany County containing 150 acres, for which I now have a lease, which lands are equally for my two eldest sons, John and Henderson, when they are of age. The rest of my lands in said Ridge to be undivided until all my children are of lawful age; the profits to be for bringing up the children. When the youngest is of age, my whole estate to go equally to all my then living children: John, Henderson, Stephen, Robert, David, Martha, Ann, Jane, and Abigail. The household goods belonging to my first wife to go to my daughter Martha, they being her mother's; namely: one feather bed, one chest of drawers, one square table, iron pot, kettle and some small articles well known in the family. I make my wife Elizabeth, my loving brother, Archibale Scrawford, executors.

Witnesses, Henry Eames, Isaac Scibner, Joseph Robinson, of Bedford, Westchester County, yeoman. Proved, March 24, 1784.

Page 347.—In the name of God, Amen. The twenty-seventh day of February, 1772. I, JOHN SMITH, of

Phillips Borough, being well in health. I leave to my sons, Samuel and John, ten shillings each; unto my son Michael, £25. Equally unto my two sons, Jacob and Isaac, my lands and possessions in the Manor of Phillips Borough, except one acre of cleared land; Also, one of wood-land, adjoining Mr. Barton's land. The said sons, Jacob and Isaac, I make executors. Should either die without lawful issue, his share of lands to go to the survivor. I agree with my two said sons that it shall not be lawful for me to revoke this will; they also, to pay my just debts.

Witnesses, Richard Willis, Mary Willis; James Willis, of New Rochelle, in said county, yeoman. Proved, March 12, 1784.

Page 348.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HANNAH BROWN, widow, being well stricken in years, this twenty-first day of February, 1781. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors out of my estate. I leave to my four sons, Samuel, Nehemiah, Roger, and Andrew equally, £120. My great Bible unto my son Samuel. The remainder of my estate unto my four daughters, Hannah Purdy, Elizabeth Thorn, Eunice Wilson, and Rachel Sniffen, equally. I make my sons-in-law, Caleb Purdy and Joseph Wilson, executors.

Witnesses, Job Hadden, Alexander Haines; Silvanus Purdy, of Harrison's precinct, Westchester County, yeoman. Proved March 17, 1784.

Page 350.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN BEEKMAN, late of the City of New York, now of the Precinct of Goshen, Orange County, being sick and weak in body. My body if buried in the country, when times are settled, to be carried to New York. I leave to my uncle, Verdine Elsworth, £150. Unto my brother Theophilus, my gold watch; unto my brother Thomas, my gun. Unto said two brothers, all my clothes. Unto my loving wife Christan and my child,

Samuel Gale Beekman, equally, all my estate, except what is specifically bequeathed; should my child die a minor, my wife to have his share. Unto my brothers, Theophilus and Thomas, £200 each. Unto my wife, my riding horse. My executors as soon as convenient to pay my just debts and legacies; bring up and educate my child in the best manner; to divide my estate between my wife and child at the proper time. I make Theophilus Beekman and Samuel Gale, executors.

Dated January 21, 1780. Witnesses, George Burling, John Shelts; Henry Gale, of Newark, New Jersey, physician. Proved, March 29, 1784.

Codicil. I make David Mathews, Esquire, an additional executor. Dated August 18, 1780.

Witnesses, William Richardson, John Williamson, John Carpenden, jr. Proved, March 29, 1784.

Page 352.—In the name of God, Amen. I, LODAWICK BAMPER, of Brooklyn, Kings County, gentleman, being sick and weak of body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. My executors to sell my real and personal estate at some convenient time after my decease; proceeds to go as follows: one fourth part to my eldest son, Jacob, a like part to my son Isaac, or, in case of his death equally to my other surviving children. One fourth to my daughter Anna Willamina, wife of Doctor Barbarine. The other fourth equally among the children of my daughter Margaret, wife of James McKenny. Before any division be made, unto Mary Wynkoop, £100. I make my friends, Jacob Sharpe, William Maxwell, Charles Doughty and John Anderson, executors.

Dated June 3, 1783. Witnesses, Mary Morris, Margaret Pearson; Cary Ludlow, of New York City, Esquire. Proved, March 24, 1784.

Page 354.—I, ELIZABETH BURLING, of the City of New York, widow, the nineteenth day of the seventh month, 1779, being weak in body. All my just debts

and funeral charges to be paid by my executors out of my estate. I leave to my daughter, Phebe Sackett, my son Benjamin, and my daughter, Martha Langdon, £100, each. Unto my granddaughter, Phebe Sackett, £30. Unto my five grandchildren, Sarah and Elizabeth Sackett, Mary, Elizabeth, and Abigail Martin, all my household furniture (except a clostool chair) in equal shares. My executors to sell all my part of the land, with the distillery and other houses thereon, situate on Beekman Street, Montgomery Ward in New York, now in the possession of Edward Burling; the proceeds and money now in the hands of my son Thomas, to go equally between all my children, to wit: Abigaile, Edward, Phebe, Elizabeth, Sarah, Thomas, Mary, Benjamin and Martha. Unto my daughter, Phebe Sackett, the above mentioned chair, and all my wearing apparel. I make my two friends, my son, Edward Burling and my son-in-law, Isaac Martin, executors.

Witnesses, Theophilus Elsworth, of said City, baker; Joseph De Laplaine; John Lawrence. Proved, April 2, 1784.

Page 355.—I, SILVANUS HYATT, of the White Plains, Westchester County, in the Government of New York, this eleventh day of June, 1779. All my just debts and funeral charges and other expenses to be paid by my executors soon after my decease. I leave to my beloved wife Esther, all the moveables she brought to me, and my sorrel mare; all to be in lieu of dower. As I have one daughter, and my wife is now likely to have another child, if this child be a son, the bond I have of my father is to be divided, the son is to have three parts, my daughter the remainder. If it be a daughter, the bond to be equally divided. The colt, now come of the mare, to go to such son, or the value of it; if the child be a daughter, the same to be divided as the bond. The interest on the bond to go to my wife provided she bring up my children well, to

have sufficient learning, to be brought up to business. My executors, may, on just cause, undertake this order. Should the interest be insufficient, they may draw on the principal. I make my friends, Elijah Purdy and Thomas Halstead, jr., executors.

Witnesses, John Arden, Elisha Hyatt, of White Plains, yeoman; Benedict Carpenter. Proved, March 1, 1784.

Page 356.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL DEBE VOISE, of the Township of Brookland, Kings County, being very sick. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be first paid by my executors at some convenient time after my decease. I leave the use and income of my whole estate to my mother, Marietie De Be Voise, for life. At her decease, £5 to the children of my deceased brother, Jost De be Voise, in equal shares. One half of the remainder of my whole estate unto my sister Eida, wife of Fernandes Suydam; the other half unto my sister Marietie, wife of Garret Vandine for life; at her decease to her children in equal shares. I make my brother-in-law, Fernandes Suydam, and my neighbour, Jeremias Vanderbilt, executors.

Dated November 7, 1780. Witnesses, Jeremiah Vanderbilt, John Ryason, of the Township of Brooklyn, yeoman; Nicholas Couwenhoven. Proved, March 20, 1784.

Page 358.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PETER LUYSTER, of the Township of Flatbush, Kings County, yeoman, being very sick and weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to Antje, my beloved wife, my whole estate while my widow. At her death or remarriage, my real and other estate to be sold; proceeds with my other money to go as follows: to each of my sons, Matthias, John, and Peter, £10; the overplus unto my sons and daughters, Matthias, John and Peter, and Antje, widow of John

Neefyes; Margaret, wife of Johannes Williamson; Maria, wife of Cornelius Ostrander; Willimpje, wife of Peter Luyster, to each, an eighth part; unto my two grandsons, Peter and Hendrick, sons of my daughter Cornelia, deceased, each the sixteenth part. I make my sons, Matthias, John, and Peter Luyster, executors.

Dated September 27, 1776. Witnesses, Mechiel Strycker, Richard Loxham, and Johannes Lott, jr., both of the Township of Flatbush, yeomen. Proved, March 20, 1784.

Page 360.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN THEW, yeoman, of Haverstraw Precinct, Orange County, being now weak in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid out of my personal estate. I leave to my wife Elizabeth, for life and widowhood, the right of my farm, or so much as will employ one team of horses, which she is to have and three milch cows, and the house. My son Jacobus to have two years' schooling, out of the common stock. Unto my sons by my first wife, all monies due to me as my first wife's portion, in equal shares. Unto my son Jacobus (by my present wife), all that may become due to me by her right. Unto my loving wife Elizabeth, all goods belonging to her at our marriage. Unto my son Thunis, the mare called the "race-mare," on condition that he shall help to pay for John's horse about £13. Unto my son Jacobus, a colt from the race mare, to be kept on the farm until it is four years old, without his expense. Unto my five sons, equally, the whole of my estate, real and personal. I make my brother Abraham and my brother-in-law, Johannes Blauvelt, executors.

Dated February 28, 1784. Witnesses, Isaac Sherwood; Thomas Lawrence, of said precinct, yeoman; David Pye. Proved, April 5, 1784.

Page 362.—In the name of God, Amen. The first day of September, 1775. I, PETER OUTWATER, farmer,

of Rumbouts precinct, Dutchess County, being of sound mind and memory. I leave to my loving wife Balitje, the use of the farm on which I now dwell, with its buildings, etc.; Also, that of another farm on the north side of Johannes Schurrigh's farm; Also, such of my stock, negroes, household furniture, etc., not sold to pay my just debts; all while my widow. If she remarries, then (in lieu of her dower), one bed and her choice of furniture, of a negro wench, and furniture (at my executors' discretion) for house-keeping; and her wearing apparel. Unto my grandson, Daniel Outwater, £5; the farm whereon I dwell, buildings, etc.; at the death or remarriage of my widow. Unto my granddaughter, Catharine Outwater, wife of Barndt Van Kleeck, of the same county, the use of my other farm adjoining Johannes Schurrigh, at my widow's death or remarriage. After said Catharine's decease, to go equally to the children of her body. My undisposed of lands to be sold, the proceeds of sale to pay my debts. Should there be a shortage, enough of my stock, negroes, and other moveables to be sold; any overplus to go equally to my two grandchildren. At my widow's death or remarriage all remaining moveables to be divided in like manner. I make my grandson, Daniel Outwater, Barndt Van Kleeck, my trusty friend, Samuel Dodge, of the same county, executors.

Witnesses, Johannes Schurri; Clement Cornell, of said county, yeoman; Antony Helst.

Codicil. The fifteenth day of May, 1777, I, PETER OUTWATER, being weak in body; my wife Balitje having died, her legacy is to go equally to the above grandchildren. Unto Peter, son of my grandson, Daniel Outwater, my grey mare. My wench Mary, and my negro boy Jim, to the one of my grandchildren she may choose; my other wench Susan, unto the other grandchild. Same witnesses. Proved, April 2, 1784.

Page 364.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM VREDENBURGH, of the City of New York, feltmaker,

being in good health. All my just debts and funeral charges to be first paid by my executors. I leave to my son John, my best Dutch Bible, in consideration that he makes no claim as my eldest son and heir at law. Unto my loving wife Willemyntje, the income of my whole estate, while my widow. At her remarriage, one third part of my personal estate. The remaining two-thirds and whole real estate unto my children, John, Mathias, William, Agenitje, Jannatje, Cathrina, and Cornelia, excepted as follows. Unto my grandchild, Willemyntje Anthoni, one eighth of the two-thirds of my whole estate, payable when she is twenty-one. To such and each of my children as have had no out-set of me, £130, or value thereof, before any division be made. Should any child die before the division and leave no lawful issue, his share to go to the survivors. "If it should please God to take me from my young children who now stands in need of necessaries of living, clothing and learning," such to be provided out of my estate till fit for trade and able to provide for themselves. Should any children die leaving issue under age, or otherwise where law is not provided for, my executors or remaining children to sell or mortgage any real or personal estate, and make a division. I make my wife Willemytje, my sons, John, Mathias, and William, executors.

Dated February 21, 1765. Witnesses, Arie King; Isaac Stoutenburgh, jr., Esq., and John Kierstead, hatter; both of City of New York. Proved, April 5, 1784.

[NOTE.—John Vredenburgh was the only surviving executor on April 5, 1784.]

Page 366.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB BROUWER, of the City of New York, masoner, being in good health of body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executors out of my estate in some convenient time after my decease. I leave the residue of my whole estate to my children. Unto my

son Jacob, £5. Unto my sons, Jacob, Abraham, and William, equally, all my wearing apparel. Unto my daughter Petronella, one feather bed, one set of bed curtains, and half a dozen chairs. Unto my sons, Jacob, Abraham, William, and my daughters, Anna, wife of Cornelius Cooper; Jane, wife of Henry Van Winkel, Petronella Brouwer, six sevenths of my real and personal estate in equal shares. The remaining seventh equally unto the heirs of my daughter Mary, deceased, meaning Gitty and Mary Permilliar.

Should any of my deceased father, Jacob Brouwer's estate be recovered after my death, it is to be divided into four shares. One fourth equally unto my within named heirs; another unto the heirs of my brother, John Brouwer, deceased; another unto my brother, Everardus Brouwer; the remaining fourth unto my brother, Abraham Brouwer. I make my sons, Jacob and Abraham, and nephew, Jacob Brouwer, hatter, all of the City of New York, executors.

Dated at Kakiat, N. Y., October 23, 1781; and in the sixth year of American Independence. Witnesses, George Lindsay, of said City, stone-cutter; Nicholas Hillaman; Abraham Brouwer, of said City, hatter. Proved, April 5, 1784.

Page 369.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB VAN VOORHIS, of the City of New York, merchant, being in good health. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid at some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my two sons, Jacob and John, all my wearing apparel. Unto my two daughters, Gertrude and Jane, the wearing apparel that was their mother's. One sixth of the residue of my whole estate unto my wife Sarah, in satisfaction of her right of dower. Like parts unto my sons, Jacob and John; my daughters, Gertrude and Jane; the remaining sixth to my wife's daughter, Cornelia White. The share of any of my children dying under age and unmarried to go equally to the survivors. My wife to have the profits

of my estate until my youngest surviving child is twenty-one; if she lives so long and continues my widow, for the maintenance of herself, her daughter and my said four children. At her death or remarriage, my executors to divide my estate; they may at any time sell my real estate. I make my wife Sarah, and my two sons, Jacob and John, executors.

Dated September 1, 1775. Witnesses, Edward Nicoll, jr., merchant, of New York; John Robins Mesier; Abraham Mesier, merchant, of same city. Proved, April 5, 1784.

Page 370.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARY EXCEEN, of the City of New York, residing in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, being of sound mind and memory. I leave to my grandson, Garret Exceen, £5, payable at my executors' discretion. Unto my dearly beloved daughter, Hannah Exceen, whom I make executrix, my whole estate.

Dated September 10, 1782. Witnesses, Henry Brower, Garrit Vader; Adolph Waldron, of Brooklyn, yeoman. Proved, April 6, 1784.

Page 372.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS SEBRING, of Dutchess County, being in good health. All my just debts and funeral charges and other expenses to be paid at some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my beloved wife, all the furniture and plate which she brought with her; a negro man named York, and a negro woman named Nanny. Unto my daughter Katherine, one negro woman named Jean. Unto my daughter Margaret, one negro woman named Rose. Unto my son Isaac, £50 before any division, and in lieu of a negro man; likewise, my silver watch and all my wearing apparel. Unto my daughters, Katherine and Margaret, equally, my remaining furniture. My house and lot in the City of New York, and improvements; an equal fourth part each, unto my wife, my daughter Katherine, my daugh-

ter Margaret, and my son Isaac. I make my son Isaac, and my son by marriage, Archibald Currie, executors.

Dated July 25, 1778. Witnesses, John Brinkerhoff; Theodorus Van Wyck, of said County, Esquire; Charles Young. Proved, March 8, 1784.

Page 373.—In the name of God, Amen. This twentieth day of June, 1775. I, JOHN SCHENCK, of Flatlands, Kings County, miller, being in good bodily health. All my lawful debts and funeral charges to be defrayed. My real and personal estate to be sold at my executors' discretion. The proceeds of sale remaining to go equally between my children (and grandchildren instead of their parents), one fifth each to my son Marten, to the heirs of my daughter Cornelia, deceased, namely: Ulpeamis Van Sinderen and Femmetie Van Sinderen, to the heir of my daughter Maria, deceased, namely: Femmetie Hooglant, to my daughter Margrieta, and to my daughter Femmetie. If any of my heirs be of non age at time of my decease, my executors to invest such portions at interest rate of three per cent. per annum, until such heirs be twenty-one. I make Adriaen Voorhees, of Flatbush, and Gerrit Kouwenhoven, of Flatlands, both of Kings County, executors.

Witnesses, Antye Kowenhoven, John Ditmers and Peter Kouwenhoven, both of the Township of Flatlands, yeomen. Proved, April 6, 1784.

Page 375.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JECHAMIAH ALLEN, late of the City of New York, now, residing in New Barbadoes, County of Bergen, New Jersey, being in pain by reason of a wound I unfortunately received, but otherwise in good health. I leave to my dearly beloved wife Rachel, the interest of £1,000, while my widow; principal to be invested and interest paid by my executors, provided the neat proceeds of my whole estate is £3,000 or more. Should it be less, then she is to have the use of one third of my estate, while my



widow. Should she remarry, then £300 (if my estate amounts to £900), or, if less, then one third of my estate. My silver tankard unto my son Peter. The remainder of my personal estate equally to my two sons, Peter and Henry Allen. All my real estate to my executors in trust for my two said sons; they to sell said estate; proceeds to go equally to my two sons. I make my beloved brothers, Henry, John, and William Allen, executors.

Dated November 19, 1776. Witnesses, Donald McLean, James Van Bueren, of Flatbush, Kings County, physician; D. Isaac Browne. Proved, March 25, 1784.

Page 377.—In the name of God, Amen. I, EDWARD WILLIAM KIERS, of Haverstraw precinct, Orange County, dealer and Chapman, being weak and infirm in body. All my accounts to be settled. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid out of my estate. I leave to Greetie, by whom I have had children, and to my four children, namely: Rachel, William, Ufame and Elizabeth, all the remainder of my estate, in equal shares; provided that Greetie, the mother of my said children, shall have the use of the whole thereof so long as they are under her care and support. When any shall be from under her care by guardianship, marriage, or other ways, their share to be immediately delivered; my executors may sell my estate in order to make equal division, and to pay my just debts, etc. I make my trusty and well-beloved friends, John Robert, David Pye, and John Suffern, Esquire, executors.

Dated December 17, 1783. Witnesses, Dirck Ackersseen, Abraham Cooper; George Briggs, of Haverstraw precinct, yeoman. Proved, April 8, 1784.

Page 379.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS MARSCHALCK, of the City of New York, bolter, being in good health. I leave to my three children, Mary, wife of Cornelius Turk, jr., of said City, baker, Laetitia and Sarah Marschalek, twenty shillings each, in full

barr of claim as heiresses at law. The remainder of my whole estate unto my loving wife Eleanor. I make my wife Eleanor, executrix.

Dated January 20, 1774. Witnesses, William Williams; Magnus Beekman, of Reading Town, N. J., cordwainer; Edward Smith. Proved, April 12, 1784.

Page 380.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB A GOUVERNEUR, of the City of New York, being in perfect health. I leave to my sister, Maria Farmer, £600, payable immediately after my decease; Also, my plate (except one silver tankard), she paying my executors at the rate of nine shillings per oz. Also, my china, whole and broken, she paying £8 for the same. Also, any part of my household goods and furniture, she paying for the same at the valuation made by my executors. Also, unto her, all my wearing apparel; she to give any or all to my niece, Hester Gouveneur. As I received the whole estate left by my sister Elizabeth (my sister Maria being entitled to one-half) my sister Maria is to have one-half of the clear amount I received by said bequest. Unto Nicholas Gouveneur, my silver tankard, on which is engraved my father's coat of arms. Unto Isaac Low, of the City of New York, merchant, an Arabian gold pocket piece; Also, a small picture burnt on glass. The residue of my estate, with the gold and silver worn about my body, to be sold; the proceeds to be put out at interest, which shall be paid annually to my niece Hester during life; at her decease, both principal and interest to her children, if any, in equal shares. If she dies without issue, then the same to go to my nephew, Abraham Gouveneur. Should he die without issue, then one fourth of the principal to Samuel Gouveneur; a like part to Magdalen Hall, sister to said Nicholas; one-eighth to Frances Sharpe, wife to Jacob Sharpe; another eighth to Rineir Skates; an eighth to Peter Farmer; the remaining eighth to Jasper Farmer. I make Nicholas Gouveneur and Isaac Low, executors.

Dated September 17, 1771. Witnesses, Gerard Walton, of same city, merchant; Richard Ray, Samuel Ray. Proved, April 13, 1784.

Page 382.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS ELLISON, of New Winsor, Ulster County, merchant, being weak in body. I leave to my son Thomas, £5; which, with several sums of money given him when entering into trade and since, I declare to be in full of what he shall have of my estate. Unto my son John, 150 acres of land in said county, which I bought of Henry Bogart, and on which my mills are built; Also, the tract of land and meadow adjoining 51 acres conveyed by me to Nathaniel Foster, being part of 800 acres granted by letters patent to Vincent Mathews; Also, the land I bought of Patrick McDonald, likewise adjoining the same; Also, 80 acres, which I lately bought of the heirs of John Nicoll, deceased; Also, 43 acres, bought of Robert James Livingston; with the buildings and privileges. Unto my son William, the homestead whereon I now live, being the third part of a tract formerly granted to William Southerland and William Chambers; Also, a meadow described in the deed for my homestead; Also, 199 acres I bought of Joseph Gale; Also, the tract of woodland, eastward and adjoining the 51 acres conveyed by me to Nathaniel Foster, being the residue of my right in the 800 acre grant as aforesaid. Also, unto him, the land covered with water adjoining my plantation, and all buildings; my farming utensils, one pair of oxen, two horses, one cart and four cows. Unto my daughter Elenor, 1,750 Spanish silver milled dollars; Also, £2,475 with interest from the time of my decease, payable in good bonds due to me. Unto my daughter Mary, the like sums in like manner. Unto my two daughters, Elenor and Mary, out of my silver plate, two tankards, one pint and two half-pint mugs, twelve table and twelve tea spoons; all my linen, two beds, bedsteads, and choice of furniture, and sufficient household furniture

to furnish two rooms; all in equal shares. Unto my daughter Elenor, my negro girl named Hannah; to my daughter Mary, my negro girl named Ann. Unto said two daughters, two equal third parts of my lands and tenements in the County of Orange and of Ulster not given away, as tenants in common. Their legacies to be paid with convenient speed. Every sum of money due to me from any of my children to be part of my personal estate. Unto my two sons, John and William, 500 Spanish silver milled dollars; Also, £2,475 payable as their sisters' legacies; Also, my lands and tenements in Orange and Ulster Counties not before given away; being an equal share with either my daughters, upon the trust and to the following purpose: That they put the last mentioned dollars and the £2,475 at interest; the said lands to be divided from my daughters' portion and rented; said rents and interest to be annually paid to my daughter, Elizabeth Colden, for her separate use and maintenance for life. After her decease, the lands to be sold; proceeds and the said dollars and pounds to go equally to all her children, then living (except her sons, John and Thomas). Unto my two said sons, John and William, 500 Spanish silver milled dollars and £2,475 in good bonds due me, in trust; the interest to be annually paid to my daughter, Margaret Crooke, for life. The rest of my estate unto my said two sons, John and William; whom I make with my friend, William Wickham, late of the City of New York, attorney at law (but at present of the County of Orange), executors.

Dated September 18, 1779. Witnesses, Isaac Stonehouse; Moses Gale, of said City, tavern-keeper; John Gollow. Proved, May 22, 1784.

[NOTE.—City of New York, July 16, 1784. Received out of the Probate Office, the original will of Thomas Ellison deceased, by orders of the executors.]

Page 386.—In the name of God, Amen. The twenty-second day of December, 1783. I, JOHN MARTIN, of the

City of New York, being in a poor state of health. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be first paid. I leave to my beloved wife Rachel, my best bed and bedding; half a dozen best chairs, and two Pots of her choice; £10 worth of my moveables, £15 in money; grain, meat and other necessities for one year's provision for herself and children; all which is in lieu of dower. My executors to sell my estate remaining, at their discretion. Unto my three daughters, Sarah, Rebekah, and Elizabeth, each of them, a good bed and bedding when eighteen or on marriage day. Should either die before eighteen leaving no issue lawfully begotten of her body, then her bed and bedding shall be equally divided between my two sons. My children to be brought up and properly educated, out of my estate at my executors' discretion. The remainder of my estate to my two sons, Gershom and John, in equal shares. Should either die under age, leaving no issue lawfully begotten of his body, his share to go to the survivor of them. I make my trusty and well-beloved friends, James Bonney and John Smally, executors.

Witnesses, Jacob Hallett, Silvanus Seely; Submit Willetts, of New York City. Proved, April 14, 1784.

Page 389.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANTHONY A. RUTGERS, of Newark, Essex County, New Jersey, late of the City of New York, being of sound mind and memory. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors at some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my dearly beloved wife Gertruyda, all my plate, jewels, carriages, harness, all my horses, and household furniture. Also, the use of the house and lots adjoining whereon I now live, while my widow. Should she choose to live therein; if not, the house and lots to be rented, and the rent paid to her during her widowhood. At my executors' discretion the rented property to be sold and the interest of the proceeds paid annually to my widow. Unto my son Anthony, £300, to be paid when he is twenty-one. The

residue of my estate and the said house and lots after my wife's interest shall determine, unto my beloved wife and children, Mariah, Maghtilda Rutgers, Cornelia Rutgers, Anthony Rutgers, Nicholas Gouveneur Rutgers, and Harmon Gouveneur Rutgers, in equal shares. My children to be brought up and educated out of their respective legacies. Should any die under twenty-one, without lawful issue, his share to go equally to the surviving children; should all my children die under twenty-one, and without issue, and my wife be surviving, then my children's shares to go to my wife; should she die before my children are twenty-one, and they should die under age and without issue, then I give £1,000 equally among the living children of Robert Benson, late of the City of New York, brewer, deceased. The residue to the living children of my uncle, Samuel Gouverneur, and my aunt, Magdalena Hall, in equal shares. To pay my debts and for the advantage of my estate, my executors may sell all or any part of my real estate, except the aforesaid house and lots; this also to be sold at my wife's remarriage or death. My children's money to be put out at interest. What is given to my wife is in lieu of dower. I make my wife Gertruyda, my father-in-law, Nicholas Gouverneur, my uncle, Leonard Lispenard, of the City of New York, and Isaac Ogden and Lewis Ogden, Esquire, of Newark, executors.

Dated October 5, 1775. Witnesses, William Haddon, David Ogden, jr., of said City, gentleman; Jabez Longworth. Proved, April 17, 1784.

Page 391.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS WEEKS, of North Castle, Westchester County, being weak in body. All my lands and moveables to be sold by my executors; the proceeds to pay all my lawful debts; the remainder of proceeds for the use of my wife; and to dispose of the same at her decease, if she dies my widow. Should she remarry, then my daughter, Zipporah Baker, to have £5; my daughter, Phebe

Dutcher, £10; my daughter, Freelove Weeks, £20; any remainder to go equally to my four sons, Thomas, Daniel, Isaac and James. I make my wife Mary, my son-in-law, Jesse Baker, executors.

Dated September 2, 1783. Witnesses, Ananias Birdsell, Samuel Vail; Gilbert Thorn, of North Castle, yeoman. Proved, April 14, 1784.

Page 392.—In the name of God, Amen. This twenty-sixth day of February, 1769. I, WILLIAM OGDEN, of North Castle, Westchester County, farmer, being very sick and weak in body. My just funeral charges and other expenses to be first paid by my executors out of my moveable estate. I leave to my loving wife Matha, my best bed and furniture; one of my Jeads, a side saddle and bridle, and three cows. Also, the best room in my houses, while my widow, and the use of one-third of my lower farm (whereon I now live) during widowhood. Unto my eldest son, William, £5, payable one year after my decease by my executors out of my moveable, which, with what I have already given him, is in full bar as my heir at law. All my upper farm to my two sons, Gilbert and Benjamin, which I bought of William Fowler and Joseph Sutton, adjoining the lands of Caleb Haight, and of Benjamin Carpenter, by John Wright's, by Francis Wright's, and Peter Totten's and land of Henry Fowler. The eastern division for Benjamin; the western for Gilbert, on condition that he pay my executors in one year after my decease, £150, to be adeemed part of my moveable estate. Also, unto my son Benjamin, the residue of my upper farm, excepting the saw mill and the convenience of passing to and from said mill and sufficient land adjoining the mill for piling boards and logs. One half of said saw-mill and privileges to my said son Gilbert; the other half to my two sons, Benjamin and Joseph, on condition that Benjamin pay £100 to my executors in one year after my decease, and before he shall be entitled to the land. All my

nephew die without issue living, then all my fast estate to go equally to my brothers, sisters, and all the children above mentioned to receive legacies, except £600, which is to go as my nephew shall will it. I make my loving nephews, Ebenezer Haviland and Benjamin Haviland, executors.

Dated October 8, 1771. Witnesses, Thomas Baker, of Haverstraw Precinct, Orange County, weaver; Sarah Hunt; Benedict Carpenter. Proved, April 23, 1784.

Page 399.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN NICOLL, of the Precinct of New Winsor, Ulster County, Esquire, being in my usual state of health. I leave to my beloved wife Hannah, during the minority of my children respectively, and her widowhood, the use and profits of my real estate for her maintenance and the support and education of my children. Unto my son, John Dowden Nicoll, all the farm and buildings and improvements in said precinct where I now dwell, subject to the devise to my wife. Unto my son, Leonard William Nicoll, the farm and buildings in Cornwall precinct, Orange County, now occupied by Samuel King as my tenant, subject to the annual payment to my said wife hereafter mentioned. When my son, John Dowden, is twenty-one, my wife to have (while my widow) two rooms in my now dwelling house, as she shall choose (one of only to be a front room) and an annuity of £10 from the profits of the farm. When my son Leonard is twenty-one, my wife to have (while my widow) an annuity of £10 from the profits to the farm devised to him. Unto my son, Abimael Youngs Nicoll, and to my daughter, Frances Nicoll, all the residue of my real estate, in equal shares. Unto my son Abimael, my silver hilted sword, my watch and my negro boy named Charles. Unto my daughter Frances, my silver tankard with a flat lid, and my negro girl named Flora. Unto my son John, my negro boy named Pompey. My negro woman named Dinah to

be sold; Also, my young female slave named Tamar; the proceeds to be put at interest for the maintenance and education of my children, if necessary; said proceeds to be paid to my son, Leonard William, when twenty-one. The residue of my personal estate to my wife Hannah for the benefit of herself and my children; to be willed by her among my children as she may think proper. I make my wife Hannah; my friend, his Excellency George Clinton, Esquire; and John McKesson, attorney-at-law, executors.

Dated September 11, 1781. Witnesses, John Cochran, of the City of New York, physician; John Panton (or Banton); Isaac Mills. Proved, April 23, 1784.

Letters of administration appear to have been granted to Henry Wisner, junior, and Jeremiah Clark, on January 30, 1787.

Page 402.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHANNES EMMANS, of the Township of New Uytrecht, Kings County, being of a sound and perfect understanding. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my Executors out of my estate. I leave to my dear and loving wife Maria, my whole estate, while my widow; to cultivate and improve the same; out of the income to maintain and educate my children. Should she remarry before my children respectively be twenty-one years of age, or should she happen to die, then the estate to be so administered for my children at my executors discretion. Should she remarry, she is to have £300; Also, four milch cows, my negro wench, and the household furniture she brought to my estate. Unto my son Andrias, all my clear land in the afore-said township where I now live; Also, my woodland in New Uytrecht woods, except 8 acres; Also, my meadow ground in the Township of Gravesend, except one lot within the west bank near Albert Voorhees' mill-pond; and all buildings and privileges; to be delivered to him when twenty-one, or when my wife ceases to be my widow; he to pay my executors for said lands, £100

on taking possession. Unto my son Johannes, all my upland, cleared and timbered, in Gravesend; Also, the 8 acres and meadow lot mentioned above; Also, my meadow in the New Uytrecht meadow, being near Canarsie; with the buildings, etc., to be possessed in like manner as above, except the money-payment. Unto my daughter Johanna, £500, payable when she is twenty-one. Unto my son Andrias, my Dutch Bible for his birth-right. Unto my children, Andrias Johannes and Johanna, the rest of my estate in equal shares. Should my personal estate be insufficient to pay the legacies, then my sons, Andrias and Johannes, shall make good, each one half of the deficiency. Should either son die before twenty-one and without lawful issue, the survivor to have all lands and meadows bequeathed to the deceased; the survivor paying to my daughter Johanna, £250 for her share of the legacy devised to the deceased. My executors to sell any moveable estate at any time for the benefit of my family. I make my dear and loving wife Maria, and my sons, Andrias and Johannes, my friends and kind relations, Hendrick Suydam, and Hendrick Wycoff and Peter Wycoff, executors.

Dated December 23, 1779. Witnesses, Hendrick Johnson; Aurt Van Pelt, and Rutgert Van Brunt, both of New Utrecht, yeomen. Proved, April 10, 1784.

Page 405.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS LAWRENCE, of the City of New York, blacksmith, being in perfect health. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my eldest son Thomas, £5, as his full share of my real and personal estate; Also, in right of birth; payable when he is twenty-one. Unto my son, John Van Voorst Lawrence, £2, 10 shillings, payable at his majority. Unto my daughter Mary, the like sum, payable at her marriage, or when she is twenty-one. Should my wife be with child, or should I have any more children by her, either male or female, then they shall each have the like sum last



mentioned, and be excluded from any further demand on my estate. The remainder of my real and personal estate to go to my dear beloved wife Ann, being fully assured of her doing justice to my children, and confident of her endeavour to bring them up creditably and religiously. I make my wife Ann, executrix.

Dated February 21, 1756. Witnesses, Samuel Bayard, of said City, gentleman; Elizabeth Hale; John Van Voorst. Proved, April 28, 1784.

Page 406.—In the name of God, Amen. This nineteenth day of June, 1776. I, JOHANIS HOGINCHAMP, of the Manor of Phillipsburgh, Westchester County, am very weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my well beloved * * * * Camp the best bed in * * * house, with all the for * * * . Unto my well-beloved * * * in Hoginchamp, before any division, the sum of two * * * * 'n cash; my silver show buckles, a pair of Si * * e buckles, a gun, sword and cartridge box, and all my wearing apparel. Likewise, unto my son John * * ng horrell horse colt. My wife Ann to have and remain on my improvements while my widow, if she can keep it; if she should fall back, then my executors are to sell the farm, moveables and household goods (except £4 cash), which belongs * my son John, and four * * * belonging to my daughter Cattrinna). The remainder of the proceeds to go to my well-beloved wife Anna, my son John and my * * well bel * d * * Catt * a Houghencamp in equal shares. I make my wife, and my well be * * * * Storm, executors, and my well-beloved * * * Eker, my executor.

Witnesses, John Vredenburgh; John Storm; William Davids, of Phillips Manor, yeoman. Proved, April 23, 1784.

Certain parts of this will "were destroyed and injured by the weather, etc." Anna Hogenchamp qualified as executrix on April 29, 1784.

Page 408.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS TABER, of the Oblong, Dutchess County, being in perfect mind and memory. All my just debts and funeral charges and other expenses to be first paid by my executors out of my monies. I leave to my well beloved wife Annetherase, two feather beds, their furniture, two bedsteads, bed-cords, one third of my household goods (except the beds, etc.); 600 weight of pork that is good, and the fat; 700 weight of good beef and tallow; salt sufficient to cure the pork and beef; 30 bushels of wheat; 25 bushels of Indian corn, 2 bushels good turnips, 4 bushels potatoes, 6 barrels of cider put into the cellar; apples to use in the summer; 25 bushels of winter apples; 40 weight of sheep wool; 80 weight of flax; 200 weight of cheese; 40 weight of butter; 10 dunghill fowl; 2 turkeys; and the eggs and increase of the fowl. All the above articles to be given to her yearly, while my five youngest daughters shall live with her; the above provisions to be diminished according to the number that leaves her. Also, unto her, a good garden, firewood at the door, one good horse to be kept and shod, one woman's saddle and bridle, two good cows; the use of the new south part of my house, and privilege in the cellar; £12 in money yearly, under above conditions; after all daughters leave her, then £6 yearly. All to be paid by my executors and to be in lieu of dower. Unto my son Nathaniel, ten shillings in money, and a suit of clothes, payable by my executors. Unto my two sons, William and Jeremiah, in equal shares, my farm and buildings, all my money and obligations for money, stock and out-door moveables, not given away, provided they pay the legacies equally. Unto my daughter, Meribe Hazerd, a living with my two sons, so long as she don't live with her husband. Should her husband die, and she should marry again, she is to have one half as much as one of my youngest daughters, with what I have already lent her; Also, five dollars, in money, in addition. Unto my five daughters, Antheracy, Ruth,

Saloma, Amey and Mary, each two feather beds, six pair of linen sheets, five Carsey blankets, etc., six fiddle-backed chairs, six common chairs, one high case of drawers, one large and one small oval table, one square table, one great wheel, one foot wheel, two pails, one tub, one churn, one brass kettle, to hold four pails full, one large and one small iron pot, one iron pot, one frying pan, one copper tea kettle, two large pewter platters, etc., one looking glass of fifty shillings' price, etc. Should my wife die, or marry away before my daughters should, they are to have the same privileges in the house, and of firewood and be supplied at the executors' table with all necessities; be found with shoes as long as they remain single. Unto my grandson, Thomas Taber Farress (son of my daughter Hannah, deceased), ten shillings; unto my granddaughter, Hannah Farress, five shillings, besides what I have given to their mother. Unto my negro man Jethro, his freedom. I make my well-beloved sons, William and Jeremiah, executors.

Dated September 4, 1783. Witnesses, Abraham Thomas; Benjamin Deuel; Edward Shove, of Dutchess County, yeoman. Proved, December 23, 1783.

Page 410.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ZACHARIAS VAN VOORHIS, of Rombout, Dutchess County, yeoman, being in health and of sound memory, this twenty-seventh day of January, 1783. After my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my executors, I leave to my well-beloved nephew, Henry Van Voorhis, son of my brother Coart, one half of my farm, whereon Abraham Van Voorhis now lives; Also, my gun and one of my best horses. Unto my well beloved nephew John, son of my brother John, deceased, the other half of said farm; in the division strict justice to be done to each of them. Unto my well beloved nephew Jacob, son of my brother Jacob, deceased, my farm whereon I live, containing 400 acres; together with my dwelling house and out buildings; Also, my

personal estate, save one horse and the gun, and the negroes to be made free at my decease; he paying in gold and silver: Unto my well-beloved nieces, Kathrine and Jane Van Voorhis, daughters of my brother Jacob, deceased, £600, payable in twelve months after my decease, in two equal shares. Unto my well-beloved nephew John, son of my brother Jacob, deceased, £300, payable as above. Unto my loving sister, Garachey Brinckerhoff, in two years after my decease, the like sum in like manner; Also, unto my well-beloved nephew, Zacharia Van Voorhis, son of my brother Coart, and my god-son, £100, payable in three years; Also, unto my brothers and sisters children, not heretofore mentioned, £240, payable in four years, and divided equally; all above sums to be levied out of the said farm and my personal estate. Unto my negro men Mink, Henry, and Sam, and my negro wench Massey, their full and entire freedom to come, go, act and do whatsoever is lawful for their own support; it is not my intention to throw them adrift whereby I am now instigated, but that I may remunerate their faithful services to my person and interest, my executors are to oversee them for good, and to help them in case any person or persons should aim to defraud them or cheat them of their earnings. After my body is interred my executors will please to order my said negroes into that apartment in my house where I died, and there in the most solemn manner proclaim to them their freedom; my desire is that they shall strive to live soberly, righteously, and Godly with respect to my negro children, namely: Charles, Nick, Tom, Ab and Peg; my executors to put them out to such of my relations as will use them well, teach them to read the Scriptures until they arrive at lawful age, when they are to have their freedom. My other negro children, namely: Peter, Tone, and Mary, unto my affectionate and loving nephew, Jacob Van Voorhis, aforementioned. I make my nephews, Henry, Jacob, and John Van Voorhis, executors. The reason

why the greatest share of my estate is given to my nephew Jacob, is because I and his father, my brother Jacob, got the greatest part of our estate in partnership.

Witnesses, Daniel Ter Bos, Peter Bogardus, Isaac I. Sebring, of Dutchess County, yeoman. Proved, February 27, 1784.

Page 413.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS VAN SCHAACK, of Kinderhook, Albany County, Esquire, being in good health. All my just debts to be paid out of my whole estate. I leave my large gun to my son Henry as bar to his right of primogeniture. Unto my well-beloved wife Lydia, £150 per annum, payable quarterly or semi-annually, during her widowhood. Unto my granddaughter, Mary Van Alen, £100, payable when she is twenty-one, or day of marriage, without interest. The remainder of my estate equally unto each of my sons: Henry, Cornelius, jr., David, and Peter Van Schaack; and my daughters: Margaret, wife of Lowrens L. Van Alen, and Jane, wife of Peter Silvester, as tenants in common. The remaining seventh equally unto my grandchildren: Isaac Van Vleeck, Margaret Van Vleeck, and Lydia Van Schaack Van Vleeck, being the issue of my late daughter, Lydia Van Vleeck, deceased, as tenants in common. As my grandchildren are very young, my executors are to put at interest their shares of my personal estate, and of the proceeds of sale of real estate. In investing the same, I recommend them to consult my son-in-law, Isaac Van Vleck, the father of my grandchildren; out of the yearly interest to maintain and educate my grandchildren; their education commended to my sons, Henry, Cornelius, David, and Peter jointly with their father. The infancy of any legatee not to impede the division or settlement of my estate. The sums due to me from children who are executors are to be deemed part of their respective portions. Any disputes about said accounts to be amicably settled by my executors, or three

arbitrators to be appointed by them. I make Lowrens L. Van Alen, Peter Silvester, and Col^o. Peter Vosburgh, executors.

Dated July 31, 1775. Witnesses, John Pruin, of Kinderhook district, blacksmith; Chrystina Pruin, Caty Prune. Proved, February 8, 1784.

Page 416.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HENRY HERCKHEIMER, of Burnets field, German Flatts district, Tryon County, being in perfect health of body. My true and lawful wife Catharine to remain in possession of the cattle, and all my moveables, while my widow. At her remarriage, she is to have an equal share of the same with all my children. Unto my eldest son, Hon Yost, twenty shillings in right of primogeniture. Should he become heir to the estate of my father, Hon Yost Herckheimer, now in the possession of my brother John, he to have 100 acres of Bushland, left me by my father, along with the said estate; if he is not my father's heir, then he to have one-third part of 1,000 acres at the lake Coneadrage, part of a patent granted to George Croughan, along with his brothers, George and Abraham. Unto my son Nicholas, 200 acres between Peter S. Deygarts and the Indian castle in Conajoharie district. Unto my two sons, Abraham and George, equal shares of the aforementioned 1,000 acres, with their brother, Hon Yost; but should he be heir to the estate of my brother John, as mentioned before, then the 1,000 acres shall be divided between my three sons, Abraham, George, and Henry. Unto my five daughters, Catharine, Elizabeth, Magdalene, Anna and Gertrude, 1,000 acres, being half the 2,000 acres in Croughan's patent at the lake Coneadrage, at the lower end of said lake, in equal shares. Should there be any costs or charges on said lands, the children to pay such charges levied on their respective portions. My eldest son, Hon Yost, is not to share in my cattle or other moveables, as he has had his share. I make my true and trusty friends, Ritcul Bligart, of

the City of Albany, attorney at law, and my two sons, Hon Yost and Nicholas, executors.

Dated August 17, 1778. Witnesses, Peter Bellinger, of the little falls in said County, yeoman; Johannes Hess, Isaac Johnson. Proved, September 9, 1783.

Page 418.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN PETERIE, at Burnitts field in the German Flatts district, Tryon County, yeoman, being of perfect health of body. I leave to my dearly beloved wife Maria Elizabeth, during her life or remarriage, the possession of my whole estate; to sell and dispose by the approbation of my executors what her lawful needs require. Unto my proper heir of my son, John Jost Peters, deceased, twenty shillings for his birthright. Unto my son, John Peter, junior, my Lots N^o 11 and N^o 10, at the east of the ditch, except 2 acres just four square, which shall be for my son, Dederick Petre, for a dwelling place. Also, unto my son Dedrick, the westernmost part of my land at the ditch and little creek of Lot N^o 10, and above mentioned two acres; Also, 100 acres of woodland in Lot N^o 23 in the Patent called Glans Purchase, adjoining Daniel Petre; Also, 100 acres in Lot N^o 24 in same purchase, joining the old patent. I make my beloved friend, George Deamud (Demuth), and George H. Bell, executors.

(Signed)

"JOHN PEDREIJ."

Dated March 14, 1783. Witnesses, William Quin, Henrich Wallrath (or Walcath), of Burnetts field, farmer. Proved, November 25, 1783.

Page 420.—In the name of God, Amen. I, FRANCIS PRUYN, of the Town of Kinderhook, blacksmith, being sick and weak. All my just debts to be paid out of my estate. I leave to my dearly beloved wife Christina, the use and enjoyment of my whole estate, except blacksmith's tools, while my widow. My son John, his wife and children to remain in the house and family and be supported out of the estate if there be surplus-

age, my wife not to be cut short of anything for her ease and comfort. The trade of blacksmith to be kept up if thought by my executors necessary or advantageous for the above purposes. The bequest to my wife is in lieu of dower. Unto my son John, all the blacksmith's tools in right of primogeniture, and in bar of claim as heir at law. At my wife's death or remarriage, unto my son John, all my real and personal estate, but not to dispossess my widow. Should he die before the death or remarriage of my wife, and should there be more than sufficient to support her, then I recommend her to afford all possible assistance to my son's wife and children out of the income of the estate without curtailing that maintenance intended for her. I make my wife Christina, my son John, and his wife Catharine, executors.

Dated November 22, 1783. Witnesses, John Quithot, of Kinderhook district, Doctor; John C. Wynkoop, Myndert Vosburgh. Proved, February 8, 1784.

Page 421.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ADAM EMPIE, of Stoneraby, Tryon County, being very weak of body. I leave to my beloved son John, ten shillings for his birthright as my first-born son; Also, 100 acres of woodland in the patent granted to George Klock, William Nellis and others, known as Lot N° 125, which I bought of Dewald Nellis. Unto my beloved son Adam, 50 acres in same patent, known as Lot N° 123, being the south-westerly moiety of said lot, which I bought from the said Nellis; Also, 10 acres of woodland, out of Lot N° 84 in the patent granted to Christian Garlach, Andrew Finck and others, which I hold by deed of gift from my father, Johannis Empie. Unto my step-son, William Saltsman, 50 acres of woodland out of Lot N° 7, in the last mentioned patent, which I bought of Johannis Baccus. Unto my beloved wife Anna Maria, my two black slaves, a man named Breston and a woman named Jenny. At my wife's decease, the man slave to go to my step-son, William Saltsman;

the negro woman to my son Adam. Also, unto my wife, my personal estate, with my bonds, notes and book debts, and the money I advanced on the estate of the late Michael Saltsman, deceased. I make my true and trusty friends, Peter S. Deygert, Esquire, Christopher W. Fox, and Richard Young, executors.

Dated October 20, 1782; and in the sixth year of our Independence. Witnesses, Nicholas Strader and Frederick Empie, both of Stone Arabia, farmers; Georg Saltzman. Proved, December 8, 1783.

Page 423.—In the name of God, Amen. I, NICHOLAS WOHLBER, of Burnet's field, yeoman, being weak in body, this 23rd day of February, 1773. I leave to my oldest son, Henry, £5, and my right upon the stony hill at the German Flatts. Unto my two sons, Dieterick and Johannis, the west side of a lot called N^o 30, whereupon I dwell, the whole containing 200 acres. The other side of the said lot unto my other two sons, Abraham and Jacob. The four brothers to keep up the fences without any dispute; Abraham and Jacob to have the plow, Hark, waggon, iron sledge, mare and horse, they to maintain their mother for life or as long as she bears my name; Also, to maintain the other children to their age. Unto my beloved wife Maria Elizabeth, three cows, four sheep and four hogs, which are to be kept in pasture, and over the winter with sufficient feed. Further, unto her, my Bible, the book of sermons, the Prayer Book and the Song book. The Lot N^o 21 in the southermost part of the first tract to go equally to my four sons, Dieterick, Johannes, Abraham and Jacob; they to work together upon the land four years, and pay of the yielding of the land, the interest and debts; at the expiration of said term, they may divide. After this time Dieterick and Johannes shall pay the rest of my debts; the two others are held and bound for their mother's and sisters' maintenance, until their sisters are of age. My daughter Anna Maria, if maintained by them is to keep two sheep and

have pasture and winter feed for them. Unto my daughter Sophia, 100 acres out of Lot No 3, the first tract of the southermost part; the other 100 acres of same lot to my sons, Dieterick and Johannes. Lot No 8 in the second tract equally unto my five daughters, Catharine, Elisabeth, Magdalena, Anna, and Anna Maria. My personal estate to be divided at expiration of said four years. The stuff and furniture in the house to remain undivided till after the death of my wife. My last named two sons to pay my beloved wife at end of four years an annuity of £2 each for life or widowhood. My daughter Anna Maria to have liberty to live with one of my four sons. I make my daughter Anna Maria, Jacob Böshorn and Dieterick Stähl; they, my loving friends, to be my executors.

Witnesses, Loruntz Herter, Johan Nicklas, Herder, William Petrij. Proved, November 11, 1783.

Page 425.—In the name of God, Amen. The twenty-fourth day of March, 1772. I, HENRY DIEFENDORF, of Conajohary, Albany County, yeoman, being in good health. I leave to Anna Rosina, my dearly beloved wife, one-third of my moveable estate; Also, my whole estate for life, for the bringing up of my children, which are all under age. After her decease to go equally among my then surviving children. Should she marry again after my decease, then, if my children be of full age, they shall divide all my estate equally between them. Unto my eldest and first born son Jacob, by reason of primogeniture, ten shillings, and with his equal share above mentioned children to be contented. My sons to have all my lands; my daughter or daughters an equivalent proportion in my moveable effects. My just debts shall be paid, if any be. I make my wife and my trusty and well-beloved friend, John Pickerd, executors.

Witnesses, Peter Miller; Henrich Sander, and Johan Henrich Meyer, of Canijohary district. Proved, August 20, 1783.

Page 427.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PURYER REEVE, yeoman, of Southold, Suffolk County, being sick and weak in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executors. I leave to my well-beloved wife Mary, the use of my lands and meadows, except 8 acres joining to the North road, and half an acre lying northward of said road, while my widow. Unto my eldest son, Hezekiah Reeves, after my wife's interest therein ceases, my lot lying between the land of William Penny and the North road, about 50 acres, and the house and half acre, on which he now lives; Also, a piece of meadow at Saw Mill Brook, adjoining the meadow of David Parshall, deceased, etc.; he paying to my second daughter, Mehetable Reeve, £20 within four years after my death, or on her marriage. Should he refuse to pay this sum, my executors shall sell sufficient land to pay the same. Unto my second son, Puryer, £20. Unto my two youngest sons, Isaac and Selah, equally, all the rest of my lands and meadows. Unto my second daughter, Mehetable, one cow, three ewes and three lambs, one bed and its furniture. Unto my eldest daughter, Mary Fanning, ten shillings. After my just debts and legacies be paid, the remainder of my moveables to remain and improved by my wife for life; at her death to go to my two youngest sons, Isaac and Selah, and my daughter Mehetable, equally. My wife shall give her nephew [niece] Sarah Lhomedieu, one bed. I make my brother-in-law, Benjamin Lhomedieu, and my wife, Mary Reeve, executors.

Dated November 25, 1782. Witnesses, Daniel Wells, Esquire, Henry Corwin, Sarah Lhomedieu, spinsteress. Proved, April 13, 1784.

Page 428.—In the name of God, Amen. I, RICHARD HOWELL, of Southold, Suffolk County, yeoman, being weak and infirm of body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executors. I leave to my well-beloved wife Elisabeth, two cows, six sheep,

two feather beds and furniture, six chairs, one tram-mel, shovel and tongs; Also, one half quarter of an acre to use as a garden, while my widow. Unto my eldest son Edmund, the part of my lot I bought of Deacon Colman; Also, all my lands and meadows east of Mapes lane, and south of the Ele branch; Also, my meadow called Muddy Creek meadow; he paying my wife, his mother, five loads of wood yearly at the house where she, my widow, lives. Unto my second son Phinehas, all the land I bought of Aaron Howell, Samuel Hallock and Peter Hallock; Also, the broad meadow point beach and meadow I bought of the Fannings. Unto my son Richard, £30. Unto my son Parshall, the remainder of my lands, meadows and buildings not yet mentioned, he paying my wife yearly, 12 bushels of wheat, 10 of corn, 110 pounds of pork, 50 lbs. beef, 15 lbs. flax, and also keep two cows and six sheep summer and winter, for his mother; Also, sufficient firewood, with what my son Edmund shall find for her; Also, a privilege in the orchards and fruits, sufficient for her person. My son Pearshall to keep my son Abram, as is becoming in a Christian land, during his life. If he does not provide for Abram, my executors to take sufficient lands willed to Parshall to support Abram. Unto my wife the one half of my dwelling house while my widow; all given her is in lieu of dower. Unto my four daughters, Elisabeth Brown, Joanna Terry, Keziah Sopers, and Mary Benjamin, thirty shillings each. All my negroes to be sold, and sufficient stock to pay my just debts and legacies, and my executors reasonably for their trouble; the remainder unto my son Parshall. I make my sons, Edmund and Pearshall, and my trusty friend, Daniel Wells, executors.

Dated March 14, 1783. Witnesses, Thomas Aldrich; Jacob Aldrich, and Joseph Mapes, both of said County, yeoman. Proved, March 17, 1784.

Page 430.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHAN JOST HERCKHEIMER, of Burnetsfield, Albany County,



being in reasonable health of body. I leave to my eldest son, Nicholas, ten shillings in right of Primogeniture. My beloved wife Catharine to remain sole and absolute Mistress of my estate during her life. After her decease my son John shall have the farm I now live on; Also, 100 acres adjoining in the New Patent; two of the best Negroes; all my wearing apparel; three geldings or stallions, three mares, three cows, six sheep and six hogs, all of the best, plow, wagon, sleigh and their Geers and tackling; one gun, two beds and furniture and sufficient farming utensils. Should he die unmarried, and without lawful issue, then said estate is to go to my next heir named Herckheimer, and he may not alienate any part of it without my executors' consent. Unto my loving son George, the lot whereon he now lives, called Lott No. 36. Should my wife become unsound in mind after my decease, my executors shall have her under their care and protection, and maintain her out of the income of my estate. Such of my children as are indebted to me, shall pay the amounts to my executors for hereinafter mentioned purposes, or have the amounts deducted from their respective portions. The residue of my estate, after my wife's decease, to go equally unto all my children. The share of any child dying without lawful issue to go equally to the survivors. I make my sons, Nicholas, Henry, and Jost Herckheimer, junior, executors.

Dated April 5, 1771. Witnesses. Thomas Porter; Han Jost Herckheymer, junior; William Petrij, of the German Flatts. Proved, October 4, 1783.

[NOTE.—The only surviving executor being absent from the State, letters of administration were granted to George Herckemer, of Canejohary, Esquire, on April 30, 1784.]

Page 433.—In the name of God, Amen. I, URIAH SMITH, of the Township of Brookhaven, Province of New York, being very weak in body. I leave to Desire,

my dearly beloved wife £50 out of my estate, and her lawful thirds of my whole estate. Unto my cousin, Uriah Smith, son of my brother John, all land in the Lots No. 26 and 27 below the County road, and £10. Unto my cousins, William Garrard, and Uriah Hulse, £10 each. Unto my well-beloved daughter Desire, all the rest of my estate. Should she leave no child surviving at her death, the same to go to maintain the Gospel of the Baptist Church at Coram. I make my wife, Nathaniel Ouerton, and Jesse Hulse, executors.

Dated February 27, 1783. Witnesses, Messenger Ouerton (Overton); Jonathan Benjamin; Manle Wells, of said County, yeoman. Proved, April 1, 1784.

Page 434.—In the name of God, Amen. I, NICHOLAS HERKHEIMER, of Conajohary, Tryon County, being of a sound mind, this seventh day of February, 1777. I leave to my beloved wife Maria, the rents or issues of 300 acres in a patent granted to Edward Holland, said tract now leased and possessed by Charles Gordon. Also, for life, £150 to be paid by the hereafter disposed Possessor of my Tenements (whereon I now have my present dwelling), ten years from the day of my decease, that is, £15 yearly for ten years. Also, the issues of all my shares in the lowland and upland bought of the Indians in the Canajohary Castle in joint partnership with my father-in-law, Peter S. Tygert, during the minority of my wife's brother Peter. Unto her, one of my young negro wenches named Mya, about one and a half years old. Also, a tract of land in George Clock's Patent, containing 100 acres of woodland, formerly conveyed by release by Severinus Tygert of Stonearaby, deceased, unto my first married wife deceased. Unto my wife Maria, upon proviso that, during her widowhood of me, she shall and will conduct herself in Chastity and other Christian manners becoming to a decent and religious widow, she to have the use of the room in the North-east corner of my present dwelling, one quarter acre in one of the

gardens, four apple trees, fire-wood and water, one of the young negro wenches; a horse and mare, two cows, six sheep, six hogs; three silver spoons and four tea-spoons, a half dozen China teacups and saucers, etc., the moiety of my linen and home-spun store (the other half to be divided by her among my black servants for their clothing); her wearing apparel and that of my first wife; Also, during widowhood, the use of one half of said dwelling, and the profits of the 500 acres of surrounding land; the issues of my wenches, horses and other cattle, she paying one half of the expenses incurred. Should she marry one of my brother's sons, they shall enjoy the interest of my lands now leased in said Patent; Also, one lot of wood-land, not leased, adjoining the Fallberg Patent. Should she marry one of my sister's sons, then the said interests of said leased lands, and the woodland to appertain to them, their heirs, etc., during both their lives. Unto my eldest brother, Henry, £5, as a prerogative, payable immediately by bond, notes or cash of my brother George or his heirs. Unto my brothers, Henry and John, £50 each. Unto my sisters, Elisabeth, Barbary, Gertraut, Magdalene, Curtelia, Anna, Maria, Elisabeth, Anna, and Catharine, each £30. Unto my god-son, Nicholas Herkheimer, son of my brother Henry, 100 acres of woodland in the Randolph Shaley patent, if leased at my decease, then the rents according to the lot falling to him in the drawing. Unto the other sons of my brother Henry, namely: Han Yost, George, and Henry, and to his daughter Elisabeth, each 100 acres of woodland in the Staley Patent, according to lot; if leased, then the rents. Unto my god-son, Nicholas Herckheimer, son of my brother, Han Yost, 150 acres of woodland in the same Patent, or the rents thereof; Also, £50, payable when he is lawfully aged by my brother George. Unto my god-son Nicholas, son of Peter D. Schuyler, 250 acres of the same, drawn in same manner; or the rents; and my best suit of clothes, from head to heels. Unto my god-son Nicholas, son of the



Rev'd Abraham Rosecrants, 200 acres of the same, or rents; Also, one young horse or mare of the value of £12, estimated by my executors. Unto my god-son, Nicholas Herckheimer, son of Peter Ten Broeck, 200 acres of same, or rents; Also, the money owing me by his father. Unto Rudolph Shoemaker, jr., son of Rudolph, £25, payable at majority by my brother George. Unto the four children of Jurry Henry Bell, namely: Nicholas, Hanyoost, Anna, and Maria, £50 by equal shares, at their respective majorities, by my said brother. Unto the three daughters of Rudolph Shoemaker, namely: Catharine, Elisabeth, and Gertraut, £10 each, payable as above. Unto my god-child Mary Catharine, daughter of Werner Tygert, £20, payable by my said brother, when she shall marry; and to his daughter, Magdalene Tygert, £10. Unto Nicholas, son of Peter S. Tygert, £25, when married. Unto Maria, daughter of John Tygert, £20, when married. Johannes Bierhausen, present miller of my grist mill on Lot N^o 8 in Edward Holland's Patent, shall, while managing said mill, have its full issue and of the land near the mill (between the Two Hills and the Dam, excepted), provided the family living in my present dwelling shall have free grinding; he to maintain said mill and pay for repairs. Should he fall sick and be unable to manage the mill, he is to be maintained in my dwelling house, and tended sufficiently by my brother George. Unto my said brother, the Tenement of 500 acres of land whereon I now live; Also, 130 acres of woodland in Holland's Patent, adjacent to the aforesaid tract; Also, all my shares in my father's estate, all my other real and personal estate, cattle, money, bonds, etc., on condition that he or his heirs pay the legacies aforementioned, and my just debts, funeral charges and all other expenses and sums further devised. Should my brother John have one or more lawful male heirs, the said 630 acres to be valued by my executors, and the equal moiety thereof be paid by my brother George to his brother's male heirs when



the first born shall be of lawful age; the interest of the moiety to become due from the birthday of such first-born to said term shall go to the education of those male heirs under my executors' discretion. Unto Peter P. Tygert, son of my father-in-law, Peter S. Tygert, my share in the lands I bought in Canajoharie Castle of the Indians, in joint partnership with my said father-in-law. Should Peter P. Tygert die before his lawful age the lands to go to my brother George. My negro slaves, Dick, Sam and Mary to be well used in their ages in remembrance of good and faithful services; should they be misused or urged to work against their abilities in their old ages, such to be taken away by my executors from my brother George. I make Messrs. Hanyoost Shoemaker, John Eisenlord and John Tygert, my trusty friends, with my beloved wife, executors; they to have for their pains, Hanyoost Shoemaker, £37; John Eisenlord, and John Tygert, £12 each; besides their extraordinary charges when employed in the performance of my will.

Witnesses, Johann Jost Koch; George House, William Stine, of Canijohary, labourer. Proved, October 4, 1783.

[NOTE.—Hanyoost Shoemaker and Maria Herckheimer, the only surviving executors, having relinquished the executorship, letters of administration were granted to George Harkimer, of Canejoharie, Montgomery County, brother, etc., on April 30, 1784.]

Page 439.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOB HADDEN, this eighteenth day of November, 1783, knowing that all flesh must depart this life. I leave to my son Benjamin, my lands and tenements in Harrisons Precinct, and in the White Plains, with my moveable estate without doors, he to pay my just debts, funeral charges, and legacies. Unto my son Job, one desk that came from his grandfather. Unto my son Thomas, £80, payable by my son Benjamin, one year after my decease. Unto my daughter, Charity Purdy, £30,

which is owing to me out of the estate of Jonathan Purdy, deceased. Unto my daughter, Elizabeth Merritt, one negro wench named Jean, one large pewter platter and Brass Reflector that was her great grandmother's. The remainder of my household goods unto my daughters, Charity, Sarah, Elizabeth and Susannah, in equal shares. I make my brother-in-law, Benjamin Griffen, Richard Sands, Joseph Cornel, and my son Benjamin, executors.

Witnesses, William Barker, of the White Plains, Westchester County, yeoman; Eli Scholefield; William Dunlap. Proved, April 23, 1784.

Page 440.—In the name of God, Amen. The twenty-first day of December, 1780, I, WILLIAM BARKER, senior, of Scarsdale, Westchester County, farmer, being very sick and weak in body. I leave to Tamer, my dearly beloved wife, one bed and furniture, her riding saddle, and all her wearing apparel. Likewise, unto her, all the eastermost part of my land, from the road leading to the White Plains, with my house and barn, the use of my negro wench Sib, and one cow, while my widow. All my moveables to be sold or properly appraised some time conveniently after my decease. After my just debts and funeral charges be paid, unto my son Samuel, £150, and to my son William £100. Unto my son Samuel the use of the other half of my said farm. At my wife's death or re-marriage, my whole estate to be sold; the neat proceeds in cash to go as follows: one fifth to each of my sons, Thomas, John, William, and Samuel. The other fifth to be equally divided between my daughter Sarah, wife of Jn^o Tomkins, and Peter Burnet's six oldest daughters, namely: Jane, Susanna, Mary, Frances, Sarah, and Tamer; these each to have one sixth part. I make my sons, Thomas and John, and my wife Tamer, executors.

Witnesses, William Dixon; William Davis, of Mamaroneck, said County, carpenter; Thomas Johnson. Proved April 28, 1784.



Page 442.—In the name of God, Amen. This twenty-third day of March, [1781]. I, JOHN WOGLOM, senior, of Staten Island, Richmond County, yeoman, being very weak in body. I leave to my well-beloved wife, an out-set of my moveable estate, after my decease. Unto my son John, a mare and £5 in token of his birth-right, and of my affection and good will. Unto my son Abraham, £5. Unto my son Peter his Mare, which is taken as his property. All my estate in lands and goods to be divided equally among my children, John, Abraham, Peter, Cornelious, Benjamin (and to Mary, £5 additional), Elizabeth Johnson, Catharine Story, Seiley Johnson, and Jane Woglom. I make my wife Catharine, and my loving or beloved son John, executors.

Dated, in the twenty-first year of our Sovereign Lord George III., A. D. 1781. Witnesses, Peter Woglom; Robert Piggot; Abraham Rickhow, of said County, vintner. Proved April 30, 1784.

Page 443.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ISAAC SEBRING, of Brookland, Kings County, being in good health. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid at some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my beloved wife a life interest in £500 at 6%, interest payable annually. Unto my son Cornelius, the house, mill and lands, now possessed by him, and all my wearing apparel. Unto my daughter Katherine, £150 for an outset; one of my negro children (as all my other children have already had), providing she does not in my life-time receive the same. Unto my daughter Margaret, wife of Whitehead Cornwell, £75. My present farm whereon I dwell, with all improvements, salt meadow, etc., to go as follows: One fourth equally amont Katherine, Margaret, and Isaac Sebring, my grandchildren by my daughter Altie, now deceased, spouse of Cornelius Sebring in New York; like fourth part to my daughter Katherine, to my executors for the use of my daughter Elizabeth; and the



remaining fourth to my granddaughter, Mary Terhune. The remainder of my moveables to be divided in the same manner. The portions of any of my children or grandchildren dying under age, without lawful issue, to the survivors equally without exception. All that is bequeathed to the use of my said daughter Elizabeth or shall fall to her by any such decease, is to remain in the hands of my executors and put out at interest for her benefit; the capital also to be paid to her when she thinks proper to demand it. What is bequeathed or may fall to my granddaughter, Mary Terhune, to be so entrusted; payable as my executors judge most proper. They shall run no risque for bad debts in the management of my estate; but only liable for their actual "Intromissions." I make my son Cornelius, my two sons-in-law, Cornelius Sebring and William Caverly, and my grandson by marriage, Archibald Currie, executors.

Dated September 14, 1771. Witnesses, Duncan Currie; Jo. Boyd; David Currie, of the City of New York, merchant. Proved, May 3, 1784.

Page 446.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BENJAMIN BOOTH, late of the Walkill Precinct, Ulster County, at present residing upon Long Island, being of sound and disposing mind and memory. I leave my whole estate to my wife during her widowhood, provided she shall maintain my daughters out of the profits, until they respectively are eighteen or marry; and subject also to the following bequests: To each daughter at either of said events, £100. Upon the termination of my wife's interest, the residue of my whole estate to go equally to my sons or their issue. Should any son be incapable by the laws of New York at my decease, or thereafter, to his devise of my estate; or shall have committed any act whereby the same may forfeit, then my son's shares shall go to their issue; or in default of such issue, then to my other sons or their survivors in fee simple. I make my wife, my friends, Thomas



Bull and Thomas Curtis, both of Ulster County, executors.

Dated November 6, 1779. Witnesses, Thomas Colden, of City of New York, Esquire; John Colden, Jane Colden. Proved, May 7, 1784.

Page 447.—I, RICHARD LAWRENCE, of Flushing, Queens County, Long Island, this fourth day of April, 1776, being far advanced in years. All my lawful debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors. I leave to my son Caleb, £400; and to his son Richard, my house and land in the Town of Flushing. Unto my son John, £200; my son Effingham, £300; my daughter, Ledia Hunt, £100. My executors to retain £100, and pay the yearly interest to my daughter Mary for life, and after her death to divide the principal sum between said executors. Unto my grandson, Norris Lawrence, £100, and my negro boy Elick, my watch, sleeve buttons, and shoe buckles, provided that his present guardian be continued, or that he choose one of his uncles, Caleb, John or Effingham; otherwise, he forfeits his legacy, which is to be given to his uncle Joseph, ye present Guardian. I make my sons, Caleb and John Lawrence, executors; and order all my remaining negroes to be sold. After payment of debts, legacies, etc., the residue of my estate to go equally to my four sons: Caleb, John, Effingham, and Joseph.

Witnesses, John Bowne; Comfort Cornell; Phebe Lawrence, of Flushing, spinster. Proved, May 7, 1784.

Page 449.—In the name of God, Amen. The ninth day of April, 1784; and in the eighth year of our Independence. I, WILLIAM RIDER, of Cakeate, Haverstraw Precinct, Orange County, farmer, being very sick and weak in body. I leave a piece of land by Matthew Coe's, to Martha, daughter of my lawful daughter Phebe, with Elizabeth Suckey and Millee, my two twins (the part of Lydia's estate to run to her), a south line on an equal division among my lawful

daughters and granddaughters as they agree among themselves. North of the brook to be divided among the boys, William, Joseph and John. My Jemima to have her living of the boys' place until they come of age, and my lawful wife to have her living of the whole farm for life; my lawful debts to be paid from the farm; my children to have their education paid from the estate; the place where James Emmons now lives, to be sold; proceeds to pay debts and to keep a comfortable stock of living creatures, as cows, sheep, etc., with a team for the support of my family. I make William Smith and John Palmer, executors.

Witnesses, Matthew Coe, wheelwright; Isaac Smith; John Cox, yeoman, both of Haverstraw Precinct. Proved, May 7, 1784.

Page 450.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES BOWNE, of Flushing, Queens County, Nassau Island, yeoman, being weak of body, do this sixth day of the tenth month, 1781. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors. I leave to my well-beloved wife Caroline, £400; Also, the use of my real estate in the City of New York in Jame's Street until my sons, John and Walter, are of lawful age. Unto my sons, Walter and John, my said real estate in equal shares, as they respectively come of age. The share of one dying in minority to go to my surviving son: should both so die, then the above real estate is to go equally to my four daughters, namely: Catharine, Elizabeth, Mary, and Caroline, when every one is of lawful age. Unto my wife Caroline, for the better maintenance and education of my children, the use of my whole real estate in the Township of Flushing for the above mentioned term; at its limitation, then to my two said sons equally. Unto each of my four daughters, £400, to be put at interest; payable as each is of age. The interest and residue of my personal estate to go equally to my wife and each surviving child. I make my wife Caroline, my trusty and well-beloved



friends, Samuel Franklin, of New York, and John and Willet Bowne (both of Flushing), executors.

Witnesses, Scott Hicks; Mary Field, of Flushing; Anne Field. Proved, March 19, 1784.

Page 452.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BENJAMIN CORNWELL, of Hampstead, Queens County, being sick and weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid out of my estate. Then I leave to my beloved wife Mary, the best bed. Unto each of my daughters, Lenah and Mary, a bed; the bedding to go equally with the beds. Also, to Lenah, the cupboard, her mother to have the care thereof until she is capable. Unto Mary, four pewter plates. Unto my wife Mary, one pot, one pan, one table. The grain and Indian corn is for family use. The remainder of the whole estate to be sold; the proceeds divided into four parts; the use of one part for my wife's maintenance while my widow. Should she marry, the said support to stop; if she has another child while my widow, then to stop likewise. Another fourth interest to my daughter Mary, at lawful age. Another fourth to my daughter Lenah, at lawful age. The remaining fourth to be for the support of my unborn child, until it is of lawful age. I make my friends and neighbours, Martin Van Nostrand and Joseph Skidmore, both of this place, executors; allowing to them reasonable satisfaction for their trouble.

Dated September 21, 1783. Witnesses, Nathaniel Box, schoolmaster, and John Cornell, of Hempstead, both of Queens County; Caleb Cornwall. Proved, March 22, 1784.

Page 454.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSEPH SKIDMORE, of the Township of Hempstead, Queens County, miller, being sick and weak in body. I leave to my daughter Mary, my chest of drawers, half dozen best chairs, a feather bed, and furniture, my best looking glass, and one of my best milch cows, and calves.

Unto Mary, my dearly beloved wife, all my indoor moveables; my riding chair, best horse, two milch cows; all, while my widow. When her widowhood ceases, the same to go equally to my two sons, Walter and Joseph. Unto said Walter, the moiety of my tenements, grist mills, lands, meadows, and all real estate; and the half of my personal estate. Unto said Joseph, the other half of my real and personal estate. The said devises to my sons upon condition that they pay my widow an annuity of £20; and provide for her, sufficient Bread Corn, 200 lbs. beef, 300 lbs. pork, yearly; firewood, pasture and fodder for her horse and cows, summer and winter. Also, that they pay unto my daughter Mary, £150; to my son Nathan, £100; to his granddaughter, Susannah Skidmore, £110; to his grandchildren, children of said son Nathan, namely: Samuel, Walter, William and Simon Potter, £15 each, payable as each one is of lawful age. Unto my wife, the free use of one half of my dwelling house, while my widow. Unto my granddaughter, Susannah Skidmore, one milch cow, and my best pair of Handirons. I make my wife Mary, and my sons, Walter and Joseph, executors.

Dated September 8, 1779. Witnesses, Matthias Burnet, of Jamaica, Queens County; Peter Smith, Robert Hinchman. Proved, March 16, 1784.

Page 456.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BERNARDUS BLOOM, of New Town, Queens County, on Nassau Island, being of sound and perfect mind. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors. I leave to my grandson, Bernardus Bloom, my real estate in New Town. Should he die before twenty-one without lawful issue, then the same is to go to Bernardus Rapalje, son of my daughter Mary. Should he so die, then it is to go to John and George Rapelje, sons of my said daughter Mary. My son Simeon to reside on and have the use of a dwelling and seven acres, that I purchased of Samuel Culver, during life.

Unto my daughter Mary, wife of George Rapelje, Esq^r, £100; to John, Bernardus and George Rapelje, sons of my said daughter, £100 each, payable out of my personal estate; and for this purpose, my executors are to sell such as may be best spared from the Farm. The residue of my whole estate unto my said grandson, Bernardus Bloom; who shall allow my wife Catharine a decent support, while my widow, and residence on my homestead. I make Robert Field and Caspar Springsteen, of New Town; and John Polhemus, of Jamaica in Queens County, executors.

Codicil. Unto my son Simeon, my workshop, iron, tools and utensils belonging to the Blacksmith's business; a horse, saddle and bridle, one cow; my wearing apparel and clothing; an annuity of £5, payable by my grandson Bernardus.

Dated September 17, 1780. Witnesses, Thomas W. W. Beavans; Richard Morrell, James Bonney. Proved, March 24, 1784.

Page 458.—Be it known to all that it may concern I, GILBERT WRIGHT, of the Township of Oysterbay, Queens County, being this twelfth day of December, 1783, of perfect and sound mind and memory. I leave to my mother, Elizabeth Wright, the use of my small back room (which hath a fireplace in it), for her to live in during her widowhood. Unto my sister, Almy Wright, my negro girl named Inde. Unto my sisters Sarah, Almy and Deborah Wright, £30 each. Should either die before my will is in force, and without lawful issue, then the decedent's legacy is to go to the survivors. The residue of my whole estate, after my just debts be paid, unto my two brothers, Benjamin and William Wright, equally; or to the survivor, if one die without lawful issue, or before my will is in force. I make my brothers, Benjamin and William Wright, executors.

Witnesses, William Seaman, of Oysterbay, yeoman, Henry Dickinson. Proved, March 17, 1784.

Page 460.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS RODMAN, late of Flushing, on Long Island, now of Fishkill, Dutchess County, being weak and infirm of body. All my just debts to be paid by my executors out of my estate, that is, with what Continental money I shall leave, and proceeds of sale by my executors, of my lot of land in New York. Should this be insufficient, then they shall sell my woodland lot. I leave to my beloved wife Martha, in lieu of her right of dower, the use of my farm in Fishkill, and buildings, etc., until my daughter Elizabeth arrive to lawful woman's age; provided, she so long remains my widow. Should she marry before that time, my executors are to pay her £500 upon her giving to them a full discharge. My wife to allow my dear Mother the use of the two east rooms in my house, for life. My beloved daughter Elizabeth to be my sole heiress to all my estate in Flushing, that is my farm, buildings, etc., provided she lives to said age. Should she die a minor, then an equal fifth of my said estate to go to each of my four sisters, namely: Ann Field, Hannah Hicks, Caroline Bown, and Penelope Shoemaker; the other fifth to go equally to my two nieces, Margaret Hicks and Elizabeth Tom. Unto Clarissa (daughter of Rachel North, widow), £100, payable to her when she is sixteen. I make my worthy brothers-in-law, Charles Hicks and James Bown, and my wife Martha, executors; they also to settle my father's estate with my brother John.

Dated January 27, 1780. Witnesses, Thomas Williams, junior, of Dutchess County, trader; Aspinwall Cornwell, Robert Williams. Proved, May 1, 1784.

Page 461.—These presents witnesseth that I, ZEBULUN WILLIAMS, late Zebulun Seaman, of the Township of Oyster Bay, Queens County, this thirty-first day of May, 1781, being indisposed in body. I leave to my well-beloved wife, Phebe Seaman, her choice of my horses, and my riding chair. Unto my son, Zebulun Seaman, John Williams Seaman, and Leonard

Seaman, all my wearing apparel in equal shares. Unto my son, John Williams Seaman, my ivory-head cane. Unto my son Leonard, £25, or choice of my remaining horses. Unto my wife, sufficient provisions for my family's support, until my lands be sold by my executors, who are directed to sell, in a convenient time at their discretion, my whole remaining estate; after my just debts be paid they to divide the remainder of proceeds of sale amongst my wife aforesaid, and my children, namely: Zebulun, John Williams, Leonard, Leah Willits, Mary, Martha Doty and Phebe Seaman; my sons to have a double share with my wife and daughters; which division is made with this reserve: as my daughter Leah and my sons, Zebulun and John, have already received a part of their portion, my daughter to have £60 less than my other daughters; my sons, Zebulun and John, £100 each less than my son Leonard. The bequests to my wife to be in lieu of dower; she to choose and have such articles of my estate, notwithstanding the general order for the sale, at the appraisement of impartial men, in part of her legacy. The legacies of those under age to be put at interest by my executors, for their respective uses. Whereas, there is a body of land at Jericho belonging between William Seaman, deceased, and me, of which no division has been settled by us; Also, an exchange of land between Richard Willits and me, not confirmed by writing, my executors, namely: John Williams Seaman and Leonard Seaman, my sons; and Thomas Willits, my son-in-law, and John Williams, my brother-in-law, are to make a settlement with any person appointed by the said William Seaman, deceased, for that purpose, and Richard Willits respecting said lands. After settlement, my executors are to sell lands then belonging to me; the proceeds to go in manner above described.

Witnesses, Jacob Willits, of Oyster Bay, yeoman; Noah Seaman, Thomas Williams, of Hempstead, yeoman. Proved, March 17, 1784.

Codicil. Whereas my sons, Zebulon and John Williams Seaman, will have more than their proportion of my estate, my son Leonard shall have £200 more than each of his said brothers, instead of the £100 given in the will. Unto my wife Phebe, one bed and furniture, six silver spoons, additional to those already willed her. Codicil, dated March 13, 1782.

Page 464.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DAVIS DICKSON, of the City of New York, merchant, being in good health. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executors some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my dearly beloved wife Helen, her choice of one half of my furniture, except what is hereafter given away. Unto her, also, my negro man named Frank, my negro wench Jenny; and the remainder of my silver plate. She also to have the use and care of my negro girl Sarah until the marriage of my son John. Unto my wife, the house and lot, now in the tenure and occupation of Doctor John Stiles, while my widow; to be in lieu of dower. Unto my son John, £5, a bar to any claim to any part of my real estate as being my eldest son; Also, my silver tankard with his name upon it, a half dozen best silver table spoons, pepper box, salt celler and spoon, punch spoon, and the silver watch I now wear. Also, unto him, in case he should marry, the said negro girl Sarah. Should he die without marrying, the said negro to be sold; the proceeds to go to my wife Helen and my surviving children in equal shares. Unto my son David, my negro boy named Jack, one silver tankard with the cypher D. D. upon it; half dozen silver table spoons, pepper box, salt seller and spoon, and punch spoon. Unto my daughter Elizabeth, the other half of my furniture, one silver tea-pot, silver bowl, milk pot, pepper box, salt seller, half dozen silver table spoons, my negro girl named Peggy and my negro boy Tom. My executors, as soon as convenient to sell my real estate (except the house occupied by my wife),

and the residue of my personal estate remaining for the most money; the proceeds, after paying just debts, and funeral expenses to go as follows: A fourth part unto my wife Helen; another to my son David, payable when he is twenty-one, or day of marriage; another to my daughter Elizabeth, to be put at interest and payable in like manner; the remaining fourth to be put at interest by my executors upon land security, for the benefit of my son John for so long a time as they shall think fit, and pay the whole or part thereof to him as they think expedient. Should he die without lawful issue, the said fourth shall be divided equally between my wife Helen, my son David and daughter Elizabeth. Should my wife Helen remarry, my executors shall sell the residue of my real and personal estate; the proceeds to be divided in like manner as the proceeds of sale of personal estate before mentioned. At the death of my wife, they are to sell my real estate and remaining personal estate, and divide the proceeds into three parts; one part unto David when twenty-one or married; the interest of another part to my daughter Elizabeth, the principal payable when she is twenty-one, or married; the remaining third part unto my son, with the aforesaid limitations and contingencies. I make my wife Helen, and my good friends, Henry Law, Jeremiah Brower, and Cornelius Bradford, executors.

Dated February 23, 1773. Witnesses, Alletta Crimsheir, Abraham Willett; John D. Crimsheir, of the City of New York, Attorney at law. Proved, May 12, 1784.

Page 468.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES WRIGHT, of the City of New York, mariner, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges to be first paid. I leave to the children of my sister Jane, wife of John Pock, by what names they respectively have, £400, in equal shares. The share of any dying before twenty-one, or day of marriage, to go equally to

the surviving. Unto the children of my sister Helen, £300, in like manner. Unto my natural son James, by the name of James Wright, begotten on the body of Ann Ellsworth of this City, the interest of £400 until he is twenty-one, towards his support if necessary. Should he die before twenty-one, or day of marriage, then the said £400 to go to my nephew, James Pock. Also to the said natural son James, the lot of ground in the Township of Argyle, Albany County, which I lately bought of Duncan Brown of the City of New York, mariner, lately deceased. Unto my uncle, Hugh Atchison, £200, to be distributed to the poorest and most necessitous of my relations in manner most charitable. Unto James, son of Elias Degrush, junior, of this city, the interest of £50, payable when he is twenty-one. Unto the granddaughter of my said uncle Hugh, £100 when she is of full age. To facilitate these payments, my executors shall sell all my real and personal estate. The remainder of my estate unto my nephew, James Pock. I make David Dixon, John Pock, and Henry Law, executors.

Dated May 31, 1770. Witnesses, Francis Van Dyk, merchant; Adam Todd, carpenter, both of City of New York; James Emmott. Proved, May 13, 1784.

Letters of administration granted to James Howman, of Horseneck, in the State of Connecticut, gentleman, a principal creditor of James Wright, late of the same place, formerly of City of New York, on May 13, 1784. The only surviving executor being absent from the State of New York.

Page 471.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ABRAHAM PARCEL, of the City of New York, cartman, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. I leave to my son John, £10, if living; and if dead at time of my decease, then my house and lot on Golden Hill to any legitimate children he may leave, in equal shares as tenants in common; should he leave no such issue, then the same property with my corner house

and lot on Cowfoot Hill, adjoining Rutgers Street, and fronting Queen Street; together with as much ground adjoining in the rear as will make one half my ground between Chestnut and Queen Streets, unto my son William for life, and to like issue he may leave; should he die leaving no such issue, then the two houses and lots to go to all the children of my daughter Sarah already born and to be born, in equal shares. Should either of these children die before William, leaving legitimate issue, then the parent's share to such children equally. Unto my daughter Sarah for life, my corner house wherein I now dwell, adjoining to Rutgers Street and Chestnut Street, together with the residue of my above described ground, not given to William; at her death the same to go to all her aforesaid children equally; the share of any child dying in her lifetime, leaving legitimate issue, after her death to their respective children equally, as tenants in common. Unto my granddaughter, Jane Fine, £50. Unto my grandchildren, John, Sarah and Mary Neil, £100, at interest for their use; a third part of said sum to each at majority. My cupboard to my said granddaughter, Mary Neil; my silver snuff-box to my granddaughter, Sarah Neil. Unto my nephew, William Parcel, son of my brother Thomas, 105 acres of ground in the eastern division of New Jersey in New Britain, between Raway River and the southermost branch of the Passaick, being part of a 315 acre tract laid out by John Hariman; said tract now devised begins at or near the North Mountain, extends to the South Mountain. Unto my said son William, the residue of said tract, being 210 acres. Unto my said daughter Sarah, the term of years yet to come of and in my house and lot which I hold by lease from the corporation of the Dutch Church in this City, near Cowfoot Hill, fronting Queen Street that leads from Hanover Square down to Fresh Water. Also, unto William and Sarah, each three silver table spoons; to my granddaughter Jane, six silver tea spoons. The

residue of my estate unto my son William, my daughter Sarah, and all her children living at my death (collectively to have but a third), in equal shares. I make Huybert Van Waggenen, William Pearse, Thomas Thorne, executors.

Dated July 17, 1781. Witnesses, Alexander Leslie, Hugh Simon; Cornelius I. Bogert, of said City, attorney at law. Proved, May 10, 1784.

Page 473.—This is the last will and testament of me, SAMUEL DEA, of Greenwich, being sick and weak. All my just debts to be paid out of my effects at some convenient time. I leave to my wife Elizabeth and children in England, the residue of all my estate. I make Francis Davis and Joseph Clarke, executors.

Dated May 9, 1784. Witnesses, Thomas Newman; George Campbell, of Greenwich in the City and County of New York; Elazabath Newman. Proved, May 14, 1784.

Page 475.—I, WILLIAM KELLY of Percy Street in the Liberty of Westminster, Esquire, being at present in Bath for the recovery of a Numbness that has attacked me in my feet, but enjoying my usual share of understanding. I leave to my worthy friends, Beeston Long, Brook Watson and Robert Rashleigh, all of the City of London, merchants, all my real estate in Great Britain, North America and in the Island of St. Thomas or elsewhere, and all my plantations, lands, tenements, etc., upon the trusts, for the uses hereinafter expressed; that they pay to each of my sons, William and Henry, a moiety of profits of said estates until the same be sold or divided in equal shares; nevertheless subject to these Incumbrances, vizt: In case my son-in-law, Thomas Wooldridge, has not had a Title made to him for £3,000 in lands in the Provinces of New York and New Jersey, or either of them, agreeable to a verbal promise, made him previous to his intermarriage with my daughter, that the same promise be completed by the aforesaid trustees; in case my two said

sons on closing my affairs do share £20,000 between them, that each of them in three years after my decease give a bond conditioned for payment of £1,000 and interest from date, unto said trustees, for the use of my daughter Susanna; she to receive the interest during her Coverture of £1,000 from each of my sons; if a widow, then the whole amount of £2,000. Should her husband survive her, she to have the right to leave him the said £2,000 if she thinks proper; the same to be free from the debts and control of her husband. My trustees may sell any part of my real estates, negroes, etc., and divide the money between my two sons, equally. My trustees not to be accountable for the acts of each others; nor be liable for any loss by securities unless through wilful default. I make said three friends, executors; giving £50 to each, to purchase them rings.

Dated August 2, 1774. Witnesses, W. Cross, upholder; Thomas Cottell, carpenter; Henry Derham, wine merchant, Bath.

Codicil. As my will is silent concerning the house Mr. Lott and I have taken Mr. Thomas Woolridge one fourth concerned from January 1, 1773, he paying interest for what is deficient; which house, by limitation of its partnership must expire next Summer, I direct that my son Henry shall be empowered to continue and carry on the business of said house at such expiration, and if he thinks proper, to continue as a partner the said Mr. Woolridge; and that Mr. Lott have option to put his son in one fourth with necessary capital. My son Henry to hold from June 28 last, until expiration of the present Partnership, one eighth of the whole concern, which is to be part of the three eighths I now hold therein.

Dated August 2, 1774. Same witnesses. Proved, August 5, 1774, at London, before the Surrogate of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. Letters of Testimonial issued by said Court at London on June 10, 1784.

In the Court of Probates, at the City of New York, August 25, 1784, ancillary letters of administration were granted to John Foxcraft, Thomas Smith, and Thomas Golsbrow Banyar, all of the said City, Esquires, attorneys of Brook Watson and Robert Rashleigh of the City of London, Esquires, the two acting executors of the will of William Kelly, late of the Parish of St. Mary le Bone, in the County of Middlesex, England, Esquire, deceased.

Page 478.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM BROWNEJOHN, senior, of the City of New York, drug-gist, being of perfect, sound and disposing mind and memory, tho' weak in body. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executors at some convenient time after my decease; my funeral to be at the discretion of my beloved wife Mary. I leave to my eldest son, William, £5 in full bar of any claim as heir at law. Unto my said beloved wife, my lot and house wherein I now live, in Hanover Square in said City; and my lot of ground and stable in Jews Alley, said City; for her natural life; my executors to permit her in said term to have the sole use of my plate, furniture, household stuff, slaves and servants, with taking an inventory. Also, the use of £700, to be raised as described below, and 200 guineas to buy a carriage and horses, if she calls upon my executors for the same. Unto the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of New York, in communion with the Church of England as by law established, £100 for the advantage of the Charity School in said City under their direction. My servants to be furnished with decent mourning out of my estate. Unto each of my executors, who qualify in two months after my decease, £100 in token of my regard and as a consideration for their trouble in settling my estate. Of the residue of my personal estate, one equal seventh part to each of my children: William, Samuel, Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Bartow; Mary, wife of Timothy Hurst; Catharine, wife of Oli-

ver Templeton, and Rachel, wife of John Price; the remaining seventh to the children of my son Thomas, deceased, namely: William, Elizabeth, Mary and Catharine, and their survivors, in equal shares, payable when they respectively are of full age, or marry; in the meantime to be kept at interest either in the British National Funds or upon good land security; said interest to go towards their proper education and support. The residue of my real estate unto my executors and their heirs, upon trust that during my wife's lifetime, they pay her an annuity of £700 out of the income, in quarterly payments in advance, beginning immediately after my decease; further, of the residue of said income, to make necessary repairs; Also, of any overplus, to pay and divide unto each of my children aforesaid, one seventh part, to my daughters' sole use; the remaining seventh to my said grandchildren when of age, or at marriage, and in like manner and use as above. Upon the decease of my wife, my other executors are to sell my real and personal estate to the best advantage; the proceeds to be invested on good land or house security, or purchase of stock in the British National Funds; the interest to be paid from time to time to my children and grandchildren as above ordered; should any of my children die, leave a husband, or wife living, my executors are to pay unto the widowers or widows respectively during life, unless they remarry, a moiety of the rents which would have been payable to such children so dying. My executors are to regularly pay to Elizabeth, widow of my son Thomas, while his widow, one moiety of the profits willed to his children, and the several bequests, for her own use. The sum of money which my son Thomas or other children or any of the respective husbands of my daughters have received towards settling them or advancing them in life, or by way of loan, or for which I have given a bond, or security, shall be deemed part of their respective shares, with interest thereof as shall exceed £500; the legacy of £5 to my

heir at law to be excepted. As I am bound with Timothy Hurst and his brother Charles, by a certain bond, in a considerable sum of money to George Folliott, given, as I have understood principally for the proper debt of said Charles, my executors are enjoined to use all due diligence to recover any money which I or they may pay in consequence, so that my estate may not suffer. Recourse to the estate of said Timothy until said sum cannot be recovered from said Charles Hurst. I make my wife Mary, my friends, Gabriel William Ludlow, Cornelius Clopper, James Beekman and Henry Remsen, all now or formerly of the City of New York, merchants, executors.

Dated June 14, 1783. Witnesses, Hugh Gainé, printer and book-seller; Eleazar Miller, junior, merchant, both of said City; Daniel McCormick. Proved, August 4, 1783.

Codicil. Any dispute about loans to my children to be finally settled by decision of majority of three arbitrators; one to be chosen by my executors, one by the appellant, and the third by the two so appointed.

Page 484.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIZABETH CARPENTER, of the City of New York, widow, being in my usual health. I leave to my son, John Carpenter, ten shillings in bar of claim as my eldest son and heir at law. Unto my grandson, John Carpenter, junior, if living at the time of my decease, £200 to be raised and paid to him out of my real and personal estates as soon as convenient. The residue of my whole estate to go as follows: One fifth unto my said eldest son, John; another to my daughter Catharine, wife of Samuel Bayard, of said City, mariner; another to my daughter Elizabeth, widow of Sidney Breese, late of said City, merchant, deceased; another unto my executors in trust to receive the rents of the real estate until sold, and invest at the risk of my son William, the fifth part of my personal estate and like proceeds of sale of real estate, towards the mainte-

nance of my said son, now in that part of Great Britain called England, while he is deprived of his reason. Upon his recovery, he is to have the one fifth of my whole estate with interest remaining unexpended. Should he die in a state of madness, and without lawful issue, then the said one-fifth and unexpended interest to go equally to my son John, my daughter, Catharine Bayard; my daughter, Elizabeth Breese, and my granddaughter Sarah, wife of William Malcolm of the City of New York, merchant. The remaining fifth of my estate also unto my executors, in trust for my said granddaughter Sarah in manner above described, during the joint lives of William Malcolm and Sarah, his wife; the interest to be paid to her in the lifetime of her husband; to be paid to her at his decease. Should he survive her, then the said interest is to be for the use of her children, for their maintenance and education respectively until they are of age or marry; to pay and distribute the same amongst all her children at their respective majority; the share of any child dying after her in non-age and without lawful issue to go equally to the survivors. My executors to sell my whole estate at their convenience, particularly the corner-house wherein I now dwell and the lot of ground fronting to Smith Street; Also, the house and ground next adjoining, which I bought from Peter Bosch; Also, another house and lot fronting said street, which I bought from Cornelius Wyncoop; Also, the house wherein my daughter, Elizabeth Breese, now dwells, and the lot of ground belonging thereunto. As a token of high esteem for my executors, unto each, £30. I make John Cruger, of the City of New York, Esquire, and Messieurs David Clarkson and Augustus Van Horne, executors.

Dated June 25, 1774. Witnesses, William Wentworth; John J. Myers, of said City, scrivener; John McKesson. Proved, May 3, 1784.

Codicil. All my wearing apparel to Catharine Bayard, my above named daughter.

Page 487.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN WHITE, of the City of New York, baker, being in perfect health. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executors at some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my daughter Hannah, £500 out of my personal estate; payable when she is twenty-one; in the meantime to be put at interest upon good land security for her support and education. Unto my son John, the like sum, payable and used in like manner; Also, my house-clock. Unto my dearly beloved wife Hannah, the remainder of my household furniture; the rent of all my real estate in said city and elsewhere, while my widow. At her death or marriage, all my real estate to be sold; the proceeds to go as follows: One third put to interest for my daughter Hannah; another for my son John; both in like manner and purpose and payable as the above legacies. The other third, if my wife remarrys, to be so invested for her life interest, the interest to be paid her annually. At her death, the said third to go equally to my two children. Should either die in non-age, then to the survivor. Unto my sister Hester, wife of Samuel Hewlet of the Province of New Jersey, payable at the marriage or death of my wife, out of my real estate; and her receipt only to be given for the same, so that her husband is to have no control thereof. The residue of my estate unto my wife. My dear aged father to be decently maintained for life out of what is heretofore given to my loving wife. I make my wife Hannah, and my good friend, William Irwin, of the City of New York, shopkeeper, executors.

Dated August 2, 1781. Witnesses, David Philips, gentleman; and Thomas Gillespie, shopkeeper, both of said City; James Lisk. Proved, May 20, 1784.

Page 489.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN BOGERT, of the City of New York, gentleman, being in perfect health of body. I leave to my oldest son, John Bogert, junior, £5 for his birthright in bar of demand



of more than what is bequeathed to him. All my moiety of the house and lot in King Street in said City, between the houses and lots of Doctor Jacobus Van Dyck and John Jauncey, equally unto my three sons, John Bogert, jr., Nicholas Bogert, and Jacobus Bogert, upon condition that they, within three calendar months after my decease, pay to each of my daughters, £9; should any refuse or neglect to pay his share of the said £36, the share of such son so neglecting is to go equally amongst my seven children. The residue of my whole estate unto all my children, equally, to wit: John Bogert, junior, Nicholas, Jacobus, Belitje, wife of Francis Wessells; Elizabeth, wife of John Leary, Margaritta, wife of Jacobus Van Antwerp of the said City, and Annatje, wife of Jacobus Roosevelt of said City, John's son. The residue of my whole estate unto all my children, equally.

Dated December 21, 1769. Witnesses, Henry Roome, Edward Cowenhoven; John MacCalpine, of said City, baker.

Codicil. I revoke the seventh part devised to my daughter Elizabeth, and all other parts of my will relating to her; the same to go to my three sons, John, Nicholas and Jacobus in trust during her life; they to invest the same and pay the interest unto her for life. At her decease, to divide the said seventh equally amongst her four children, to wit: John, William, Margaret, and Ann; or their survivors.

Dated March 9, 1773. Witnesses, William Wentworth, Mary McKesson; John McKesson, of said City, Esquire. Proved, November 25, 1775.

[NOTE.—Letters of administration were granted to William Leary, of said City, merchant; a grandson and legatee, who neglected to appoint executors, on May 24, 1784.]

Page 493.—In the name of God, Amen. The 28th day of November, 1781, being sick in body. My executors to be Hannah and Nathaniel Gildersleeve. I leave

to my dearly beloved wife Hannah, the best bed and furniture, a good horse, saddle and bridle; and a good milk cow. Unto Nathaniel Gildersleeve, £10, and then to share with the rest of sons, James, Joseph, Elkanah, Benjamin and Thomas. My wife to have full possession of the estate until my youngest son is of age, if she remains my widow; then to my executors for the best advantage of my heirs. Should any heir die under age, then his share to go to the survivors. I make my loving friends, Hannah and Thaniel, executors.

(Signed)

BENJAMIN GILDERSLEEVE.

Witnesses, Francis Hasbrook, of Rumbout precinct, yeoman; Matthew Volentine. Proved, at Dutchess County, May 8, 1784.

Page 494.—In the name of God, Amen. I, EVERT BYVANCK, of the City of New York, boulder and backer, being in good health of body. After my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executors in a reasonable time after my decease, I leave to my eldest son, Johannis, £5. As all my children equally have had deeds of gift for lots of ground in the North Ward of this City; Also, to my sons, Johannis, Petrus, and Evert Byvanck, and to my daughter, Mary Byvanck, wife to Gerrit Abeel, each £500 for their outsets; and have paid to John and Thomas Jones, Doctors of Phisick, £100 for the instructing my son Abraham in their art and mistry. Unto my son Abraham for his outset £400 out of my real and personal estate to make him equal with the others. The residue of my estate equally unto my five children, Johannis, Petrus, Mary, Evert and Abraham. If, as the last named is not capable of managing his affairs with that discretion I could wish, the last one fifth of my real and personal estate unto my loving friends, Nicholas Rosevelt, Theodorus Van Wyck and Isaac Rosevelt in trust for my said son for life for his own use, interest on the same to be paid annually. At his death, the said fifth

for the use of Abraham's issue, lawfully begotten, in equal shares. All my estate to be apportioned by a valuation or vendue among themselves; or, if they cannot agree, then by appraisement of two or three honest and judicious persons. If necessary, to pay debts, my executors are to sell sufficient real estate, as may seem fit to them and to their Councillearned in the law. I make my children, Johannis, Petrus and Evert Byvanck, and my son-in-law, Garret Abeel and my friends, Nicholas Rosevelt, Theodorus Van Wyck and Isaac Rosevelt, executors.

Dated June 11, 1776. Witnesses, John Oothout, Abraham Van Wyck, Nicholas Van Antwerp. Proved, at Newark, N. J., April 24, 1783.

Page 497.—In the name of God, Amen. I, RICHARD JACKSON, of Jerusalem, Township of Hempstead, Queens County, on Long Island, being of sound mind, memory and understanding. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my two sons, Richard and Jacob, equally, at some convenient time after my decease; their bequests to be charged with said payment. I leave to my wife Jane, all my household goods within doors, her choice of one horse; my said sons to purchase at joint expense, a good riding chair, and wench; Also, an annuity of £50 while my widow, payable by my sons jointly and equally; Also, the use of the west room in the house where I now live, and the bedroom on the north and the Chamber above, the north division of the cellar, the free use of the kitchen by her and my son Jacob; the use of three cows, provided by my said two sons, the third part of my garden, sufficient fruit out of my orchard; wool and flax for clothing her and her wench; meat, grain, firewood, hay and pasture; all while my widow, and to be in lieu of dower, and all charged on the estate herein given to my two said sons. Unto my son Richard, my land and meadow on Oyster Bay, west neck; the last meadow on Half Neck; the lot joining on the

north to the barn of my son Richard, now in fence; the lands on the west side of the highway where my son Richard now lives; Also, all the land as far west and south as my land extends on the west side of the highway, as far north as his present possession extends; Also, the land I bought of Isaac Jackson, as far east as Seaman's Brook; Also, my lands on Seaman's Neck adjoining Obadiah Seaman. Unto my son Jacob, the house and lands where I now live, southward to land herein given to my son Richard, eastward, westward and northward as far as my land extends on both sides of the highway; all my meadow on Great Neck, and land adjoining, for his natural life, without impeachment for waste; at his death, the same to go to my son Richard for life, of my said son Jacob to preserve and support the contingent uses and remainders herein-after limited, in trust to permit my son Jacob to receive and take the rents and profits; at Jacob's death to go to his first son and heirs male of body of such first son, lawfully issuing; in default of such issue, then to the use of the second, third, and any other son of my son Jacob. In case of default, the house, lands and meadows shall go to my grandsons, Richard Jackson Seaman, son of my daughter Jane, and Micah Jackson, the son of my son Richard, equally; they to receive the rents, etc. After the decease of Richard Jackson Seaman, one half of said property so limited to my son Jacob for life, shall go to the first son of said Richard Jackson Seaman, and to heirs male of the body of such first son, and in manner above. After the decease of said Micah Jackson, the other equal half of said house, lands and meadow, so limited, unto the first son of said Micah Jackson, etc., in like manner as above. Should either Richard Jackson Seaman and Micah Jackson die without male issue, the part of him so dying to go to the survivor, or his issue, as above. All said property to be subject to the privileges hereinbefore given to my said wife. Should my son Jacob die without issue male, and leaves more than one

daughter, then Richard Jackson Seaman and Micah Jackson, and their issue male, shall as soon as conveniently may be, out of income of said property, pay to each daughter, £100. Unto my son Jacob, 11 acres, at north end of my westernmost great lot of meadow on Half Neck; Also, two lots on Seaman's Neck adjoining land he bought of James Pool; Also, unto Jacob, two negro boys (one named Tice; the other Jef), the choice of one pair of oxen, two cows, six young cattle, and seven hogs, two plows, one ox-cart, two hoes, two axes, etc. Unto my son Richard, my negro man named Peter, my negro boy Elijah. The residue unto my two said sons, Richard and Jacob, equally, as tenants in common, they paying my debts and legacies. Unto my daughter Jane, the use of £300 for life; at her death, the same unto her son, Richard Jackson Seaman, payable by my said two sons; should he die in her lifetime without issue, then to her surviving child or children; should she leave none, then to sink into the residue of the estate for my two sons. Unto my granddaughter Charity, daughter of my daughter Mary, £300, payable by my sons when she is twenty-one, or married; if she dies under age and unmarried, then said sum to sink back into the residue of my estate. I make my sons, Richard and Jacob, executors.

Dated February 28, 1780. Witnesses, Hannah Jones, Peter Herring; Samuel Jones, of Oyster Bay, Queens County, attorney. Proved, March 10, 1784.

Codicil. Made February 10, 1783. Unto my wife Jane, while my widow, over and above the aforesaid bequests, the privilege of raising and keeping, where I now live, such poultry as she may think proper. Also, the command of my negro boy called Jef, to make fire for her, tend her garden and horse, etc. She to have two barrels of cider from my orchard yearly, made by my two sons, Richard and Jacob. Whereas I willed to my said son Jacob, two lots of land on Seaman's Neck (adjoining land he bought of James Pool), the said devise is revoked to him; the same is given, with the

house, which I have lately purchased, unto my daughter Jane, for her sole and separate use for life; not to be subject to the debts or control of her husband. At her death the Pool property and the two adjoining lots to go to her two sons, Richard Jackson Seaman and Jacob Jackson Seaman, in equal shares. Also, unto Jane, the horse and three cows now in her possession; Also, during life, privilege of firewood and timber on my land on Seaman's Neck to the northward of above devise; Also, of five wagon loads of salt hay on meadow devised to my son Richard, the same from meadow given to Jacob, yearly; Also, pasture to fatten one cow yearly on land on Half Neck given to my two sons; Also, pasture for horse on Half Neck in the Spring of the year. Neither she nor her husband to have right to sell said firewood, timber, hay or grass. What is here given is additional to bequests made to her in my will. Whereas my lands below the highway on Half Neck were willed to my two sons equally, now the said land is to be divided by a line to run from the highway to the meadow; Richard to the easternmost and Jacob the westernmost. Lot given to Richard joining to his barn, is to be bounded southerly by the lot whereon the barn now stands, etc. My son Jacob to pay to my son Richard, £200 with interest from the date hereof, within one year after my death.

Witnesses, Peter Herring, Samuel Jones, and Samuel Jones. Proved, March 10, 1784.

Page 503.—*Translation from the Dutch Extract:*

In the name of God, Amen. This twenty-first of August, 1760, before me Dr. Thierrij Daniel De Marrolles of Amsterdam, Notary Publick admitted by the Honourable Court of Holland, and in the presence of witnesses, came Jacob Henrij Chabanel, gentleman, merchant, and Madam Maria Anna le Roy, husband and wife, residing within this City on the Lelij Gracht between the Heere and Keizers Gracht, very well known to me, the said notary, both sound of body, hav-



ing and using well of their understanding, memory and utterance, as it appeared outwardly, who declared in consideration of the uncertain hour of the death, to have resolved to make their testament, and to dispose of the goods that are to be left by them in the manner following. After Christian recommendation of soul and body, disposing by these presents, wholly anew, the testators did constitute each other and mutually, vizt.: the first dying the survivor of them both to be the sole and whole heir or heiress in all the goods, as well moveable as immoveable, actions, credits and titles that the first dying of them both I shall leave nothing excepted nor reserved in order if the testator was the first dying that the testatrix shall be qualified to do and act therewith at her pleasure. The first dying of their testators appointing their child or children and further descendants by representation to be co-heirs of the legitime portion appertaining to them according to law in satisfaction or diminution whereof shall be reckoned what each of their children will enjoy of for dowry Bride's farings, or otherwise. Moreover the testators do appoint and commit each others vizt.: the first dying, the survivor of them both, to be executor or executrix of this their testament and sole tutor or tutress of the child or children in minority they may leave and likewise to be administrator or administratrix of their goods with all power and authority required, etc. All and in all cases with exclusion of the Honourable Lords, Officers of the Orphans Estates, as well of this as other cities and places where their decease should arrive, and their goods be situated and due to them, thanking the said Lords for the pains they otherwise should take and excluding them well expressly by these presents, etc. Desiring, etc. What is written above the testators did declare to be the testament of them both and each of them desiring that the same shall be observed and accomplished after their demise as such be it as a solemn testament; or, if not so, as a codicil, gift for death's sake, or else like it shall

subsist the best and take effect according to law; praying thereabout to enjoy of the extreme benefit. Thus done and passed within Amsterdam, in the house of me the said notary, in the presence of Nathanael Wilthuyzen and Francois Lathouwer; who together with the testators and me, the said notary, did signe the minute of these presents (Lower) Quod attestor (signed) Drij de Marolles, Not: Pubt. 1760.

Abstract approved by said notary within Amsterdam, May 24, 1783. (signed) D. V. Vianen, 1783. Notary.

Faithfully translated from the Dutch, Amsterdam, May 30, 1783. We, underwritten Notaries publick, dwelling in Amsteldam, do hereby certify and attest to all whom it may concern that Joannes Vergeel Luc: son whose firm is above, is a sworn translator in this City of Amsterdam and to all acts and instruments by him signed and translated full faith and credit is and ought to be given in court and thereout.

Witness, our Notarial firm in Amsteldam, May 30, 1783. I. V. Vienen, notary; E. H. Dorper, notary; Js. Vanden Brink, Nots. Pubs.

[NOTE.—Ancillary letters testamentary were granted to Egbert Benson, of Poughkeepsie, Attorney of Mary Ann Chabanel, executrix of estate of Jacob Henry Chabonel, deceased, during her absence, by the Court of Probates at the City of New York, April 7, 1784.]

Page 505.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SIMON SANDS, of Cow Neck, Queens County, yeoman, being weak and infirm in body. My executors to sell the part of my estate which my father, John Sands, bequeathed to his son George; being the equal half of the farm he then lived on, and in case of default of issue in said George, at his decease, to be equally divided between his three sons, Simon, Gedion, and Benjamin. Also, to sell all my right title and interest therein, and sufficient my other lands off from the farm whereon I now live; and of my moveable estate for the following purpose.

Out of said proceeds, to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses; Also, they to pay to my daughter Hannah Sands, £150. Also, those moveables bequeathed her by her mother and two sisters. Unto my wife, Sarah Sands, my riding chair and chair horse, my two best beds and bedding complete, my best oval table and tea table, one large cupboard above stairs, six silver table spoons and one of my best milch cows; all in lieu of dower. Also, the use of the equal two-thirds the remainder of my said farm and buildings, with use of like quantity of my whole stock, grain, farming utensils, and indoor moveables, except what is given away. Said use to be for educating and bringing up my children in a proper and decent manner until my son Tredwell is twenty-one; when she is to return the farm, stock, and farming utensils in as good order as she received them. Should she die or marry before said event, my executors are to take possession of said property and improve the same for the aforementioned object. Unto my son Edwine, the use of the other equal one-third of the remainder of my farm, stock, farming utensils, buildings, and grain, until my son Tredwell is twenty-one, at which time my son Edwine is to return the same to my executors as in the case of my wife above mentioned. Unto my two sons, Tredwell and John, £200 each, payable when they arrive at lawful age, by my two sons, Edwine and James, in equal proportion. Unto my two daughters, Rebeckah and Sarah, £150 each, payable as above; Also, all the remainder of my indoor moveables, in equal shares. Unto my two sons, Edwine and James, in equal shares, all my farm on which I now live that may remain after my executors have sold what they may think proper for the aforementioned purposes, with all my stock and farming utensils. When my son Tredwell arrives at lawful age, and said farm is possessed by Edwine and James, then my said wife (if she remains my widow) shall possess one equal third part of my dwelling house; an equal half of my garden; fruit sufficient

for her use; the priviledge of enough fire-wood for one fire without damaging the timber; the priviledge of keeping a horse, cow and a hog, winter and summer; Also, one acre of corn-ground for planting. My Indian man, Harculus to be maintained off my farm under care of my wife Sarah. My negro man, Cato, and negro woman Sary, both to have their freedom soon after my decease with condition that Cato pay forty shillings yearly to support him in old age or infirmity, otherwise to be at his own disposal at his decease. Unto my said wife the choice of one of my negros (she to choose), excepting the above mentioned. My other negros to be sold, at the discretion of my executors, for a certain term of time or for life as they shall think proper in the circumstances of my affairs. I make my two kinsmen, Richard and John Sands, and my son Edwine, all of Cow Neck, executors.

Dated February 23, 1782. Witnesses, Joshua Cornwall, of Queens Co., yeoman; Mary Sands; John Farmer. Proved, May 21, 1784.

Page 507.—In the name of God, Amen. I, AMOS DENTON, of Jamaica, Queens County, yeoman, being sick and weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges shall be duly paid by my executors out of such part of my estate as to them shall seem best. I leave to my two sons, Amos and James, all my messuages, dwelling houses, lands, meadows, tenements, and hereditaments in Jamaica, in Queens County, to be divided so that Amos shall have in value £50 more than James; Also, they to have my stock of horses, cattle, hogs, farming utensils of every kind; my negro man named Harry; Also, all my bonds, notes and book debts, excepting out of the above three milch cows which I give to my dearly-beloved wife Mary, in equal shares; Also, to each feather bed, bolster, pillows and other things necessary to furnish each bed. Unto my daughter Sarah, one feather-bed, bolster, pillows, etc.; Also, £100. Unto my daughter Mary, wife of John



Skidmore, £50; to my daughter Patience, wife of Othniel Smith, £50; to my daughter Martha, wife of Peter Albertus, £50. Unto my said wife, £100; Also, all my household furniture, beds, bedding, linen, woolen, pots, kettles, pewter, brass, and other indoor moveables whatsoever; Also, the right to live in my said house with a privilege to do all necessary work in said house while my widow; my daughter Sarah to have like privilege while unmarried. My sons, Amos and James, are to pay unto my said wife and daughters the several sums of money afore mentioned. What I have given to my said wife to be at her own disposal and in lieu of her dower, my said sons shall find and provide for her sufficient quantity of bread, corn, meat and other eatables, fire-wood, hay, and pasture for her cattle, while my widow. I make Mary, my wife; my son Amos, and my son-in-law, Othniel Smith, executors.

Dated June 25, 1777. Witnesses, William Ludlam, Daniel Ludlam, both of Jamaica, Queens Co., yeomen; Rob't Hinchman. Proved, March 24, 1784.

Codicil. Since the making and executing my last will I have by purchase made a large addition to my real estate, and desire my two sons to have the same equally; the one equal undivided half part thereof to Amos, and the other like share to James. All the money due and to grow due to me from Daniel Sale, at Elizabeth town, in New Jersey, to be given to my daughters, in equal shares.

Dated September 12, 1781. Witnesses, Samuel Cutler; Thomas Smith, of Jamaica, Queens County, cordwainer; Robert Hinchman. Proved, March 24, 1784.

Page 510.—In the name of God, Amen. I, OBADIAH MILLS, of Jamaica, Queens County, this May 15, 1777, being sick and weak in body. My just debts, funeral expense, be duly paid and satisfied. I leave to my loved wife Sarah the use of all my estate, real and personal (excepting as is hereafter excepted), while my

widow, out of which she is to maintain my grandson, Jacob Mills, and to give him a liberal English education. Should my grandson die before he arrives to twenty-one years or marriage, then all my real and personal estate to be divided equally between the brothers and sisters I shall then have living, but should my grandson live to the age of twenty-one years or marriage, then said estate to go to him. Unto my sister, Deborah Denton, the interest of £50 at 7 per cent to commence immediately after my death. I make my beloved wife Sarah, my brother Nathaniel, and Samuel Skidmore, executors.

Witnesses, Rev'd Matthias Burnet, John Smith, Edward Willett. Proved, May 14, 1784.

Page 511.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARGARET TODD, of the City of New York, widow, being of sound mind and memory. I leave to the rector and inhabitants of the City of New York in communion of the Church of England, as by law established, £200 out of the first monies that shall come into the hands of my executors, to be by them applied to the use of the Charity School in the said City as they shall think fit. Unto John Key, the son of the sister of my late husband, £200; to Isma Burnet, widow of George Burnet, late of the City of New York, deceased, £30; to Elizabeth, daughter of George Burnet, £20. Unto my niece, Elizabeth Williams, my silver coffee pot and £300. The remainder of my whole estate to my beloved sister, Catharine Williams, and my two nieces, Elizabeth and Dorothea Williams, in equal shares. My executors, as soon as convenient after my decease, shall convert the whole of my estate into cash, and, after paying aforesaid legacies, divide the remainder in manner before mentioned; for that purpose they are to sell my whole estate. I make my sister, Catharine Williams, and my worthy friends, Walter Rutherford and Francis Lewis, executors.

(Signed)

MARGRETT TOD.

Dated December 8, 1770. Witnesses, Richard Nicholls, Ann Burges, Richard Harison, of said City, Esquire. Proved, May 20, 1784.

Page 513.—I, JOHN FARRINGTON, merchant, of Flushing, Queens County, being in an infirm state of health. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid and satisfied by my executors out of my personal estate. I leave to my son Walter all my messuages, lands, meadows and real estate in the township of Flushing, upon condition that he pay to Mary, my dearly beloved wife, £100, within one year after my decease; Also, he to pay her £20, yearly, during her natural life. Unto my said wife two rooms in my dwelling house, to wit, the room I now make use of for my own lodging room and the room in the north-west corner of my chamber, while my widow; Also, my best bed and furniture, half a dozen silver table spoons, half a dozen silver teaspoons, my wild Cherry chest of drawers, my round Bilestead table, my best milch cow, and my riding chair; my son Walter to provide sufficient keeping for one cow, both winter and summer, while my widow; all of above legacies to be in lieu of her dower. Unto my son George £200, payable out of my personal estate. The remainder of my whole estate to my son Charles; Also, to him £400, payable out of my personal estate. Unto my four unmarried daughters, namely: Deborah, Mary, Abigail, and Milicent, £100 each, payable as above. The residue of my personal estate to my daughter Sarah, wife of Benjamin Haviland, my daughter Catharine, wife of Thomas Tom, and my four unmarried daughters, in equal shares. What I have given to my daughter Deborah my sons, Walter and George, are to take into their care and put the same to interest and pay it to her yearly; should she marry with the approbation of said sons they to pay the same to her, but if otherwise, they to pay the interest during her natural life, and after her decease her part or portion to go unto such children as she shall

leave. I make my sons, George and Walter, and my son-in-law, Benjamin Haviland, executors.

Dated November 10, 1782. Witnesses, Samuel Stringham, William Loweree, Daniel Clement, of said County, yeoman. Proved, May 15, 1784.

Page 515.—I, STEPHEN CORNWELL, of the Township of Hempstead, Queens County, being sick and weak in body, the February 14, 1766. My executors shall sell such part of my personal estate as they may think sufficient to pay and discharge all my lawful debts and funeral charges. I leave to my two dearly beloved sons, Gilbert and Japheth my desk equally between them. Unto my dearly beloved wife Elizabeth my homestead which is about ten acres; the remainder of my personal estate, after payment of abovementioned debts, to her, in lieu of dower and for the maintenance and bringing up of my said children, desiring and empowering my loving brother James to assist my wife in the same. Unto my two said sons all my other lands, meadows and marshes in the Township of Flushing and elsewhere in equal shares when they shall arrive to the age of twenty-one or marry. Unto my nephew, Stephen Cornwell, £25, payable by my executors when he shall arrive to the age of fourteen years. I make my dearly beloved wife Elizabeth, executrix; my loving brother James and my trusty friend, Charles Hicks the third, executors.

Witnesses, Henry Stocker; William Thorne, of said County, yeoman; Samuel Cornell. Proved, May 21, 1784.

[NOTE.—James Cornwell and Charles Hicks, surviving executors, having relinquished the executorship. Letters of Administration were granted to Gilbert and Japheth Cornell, May 27, 1784.]

Page 517.—In the name of God, Amen. May 1, 1782, I, AARON BUSSING, from the Out Ward of the City of New York in Harlem, at present of Rombout's Precinct, Dutchess County, being weak in body. After my



lawful debts are paid and my funeral defrayed, all my real estate lying in Harlem to be sold, by my executors, to the best advantage for my children and grandchildren, and out of the proceeds to pay my just debts, the remainder, together with my personal estate to be divided amongst my children and grandchildren as follows: Before any division be made my grandson, Aaron Bussing, to have £100 in silver or gold; to my two grandchildren, John and Polly Waldron, each £25 as aforesaid; the remainder to be divided into four equal shares, one-fourth to my daughter, Catharine Storm; a like part to my daughter, Polly Sickels; another fourth part to my two grandchildren, Aaron and Susannah Bussing, in equal shares; the remaining fourth part to my two grandchildren, Polly and John Waldron, in equal shares. I make John Sickles, Sr., Adolf Myers and John Myers all of the place aforesaid, executors.

Witnesses, Zacharias Sickels, William Delamarter, P. V. Steenbergh, of the City of New York, schoolmaster. Proved, May 27, 1784.

Page 518.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARGARET WILLETT, of the Borough and Town of Westchester, Westchester County, widow, being of sound mind and memory. All my just debts and funeral charges to be first paid. I will that my executors build a small vault near the place where my dear departed husband now lies buried in, and that my remains and his be deposited, provided it be with the consent of the owner of that part of my late husband's estate when the said vault shall be built. As soon as convenient after my decease my executors shall sell and dispose of my negro men named Pompey and Pontius, and my negro woman named Betty, together with such other part of my personal estate necessary to make up in the whole £500 which sum is to be put out at interest, and the interest therefrom to go to my nephew, Lewis Graham, and be by him applied towards the education and main-

tenance of Anna McIlworth until she arrive to twenty-one years of age or marry, provided, she shall be under the direction and government of the said Lewis Graham and his sister Arrabella, or such other person as they shall think proper. After the said Anna McIlworth arrives to twenty-one years or marries, or after her death, should she not attain such age, I give to Mary, Anna and Euphemia Willett, daughters of my brother-in-law, Thomas Willett, £300 in equal shares; in the same circumstances, to Gilbert Colden Willett, Alice and Anna Willett, children of my brother-in-law, William Willett, £60; in a like case, to Gilbert Willett, son of my brother-in-law, Thomas Willett, £50; Also, to my nephew, Isaac Willett, £40. To the said Anna McIlworth when she arrives at twenty-one years or marriage (provided it be with the consent of my executors), whichever happens first, £50, and my negro girl Hagar by way of outset. Unto my nephew, Isaac Willett, my silver tankard and soup spoon. To my niece, Arabella Graham, my negro woman Jenny, trusting that she will treat her kindly, also, my watch and stone studs. Unto Augustin, Morris, Charles, John, Isabella Landon, and Arabella Graham, children of my sister Graham, £20 each. Unto my nephew, Lewis Graham, the remainder of my whole estate. I make Lewis Graham and Doctor Daniel White, executors.

Dated August 31, 1776. Witnesses, Anthony Glean, of Westchester, farmer; Elizabeth Ashfield, Jane Glean. Proved, May 28, 1784.

Codicil. I leave to my sister, Arabella Graham, all such of my wearing apparel as will suit her to wear excepting a rich flowered silk gown which I give to my sister, Elizabeth White, and a long scarlet cloak which is for my sister, Ann Antle. Unto my niece, Arabella Graham, my studs or sleeve buttons; Also, my chest of drawers, dressing table and dressing glass and all my wearing apparel not already disposed of. Unto my niece, Elizabeth Ashfield, £5 cash, payable by my ex-

ecutors, also, two of my best calico gowns and two under petticoats. Unto Lewis Morris, son of Richard Morris, Esqr, my enameled gold ring marked with the name of Lewis Morris. Unto Ann McIlworth my worked Petticoat, my bed in the little room, bolster, two pillows, two blankets, four pair of fine sheets marked T^W M, one other pair of sheets marked T=W N^o 2, six diaper table cloths marked T^W M, the bedstead in my room and checkered green curtains; my old lining and old calico gowns and checkered aprons to my female servants.

Dated September 2, 1776. Witnesses, Anthony Glean of Westchester, farmer; Gilbert Hunt, Dorothy Lewiz. Proved, May 28, 1784.

Page 521.—In the name of God, Amen. April 26, 1781. I, JOHN ZUNICHER, now resident in Haverstraw Precinct, Orange County, stone-cutter, being at this time but weak and infirm in body. All my just debts and funeral charges be fully paid and discharged by executors. I leave all my real estate in the City of New York, bounded by Hudson's River, being two lots to my six children, five daughters and one son, in equal shares; should any die under age without heirs and unmarried, the share of such dying to be divided among the survivors. Unto my son Lodiwick (my only son) all my wearing apparel. Unto my daughter Magdalan, my bedstead and bedding thereto belonging, the set of new curtains and looking glass before division is made of my personal estate. Unto Magdalan, Elizabeth, Hannah and Nancy, my daughters, the remainder of my personal estate in equal shares as my executors can best agree or other ways sold, and the proceeds therefrom equally divided amongst my four daughters aforesaid. I make my daughter Magdalan and my son-in-law, Frederick Eckert, the husband of my daughter Marrito or Molly, executors.

Witnesses, Jacob Brouwer, Abraham Brouwer, both of said City, hatters. Proved, May 29, 1784.

Page 523.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOSEPH HAWKINS, of the City of New York, yeoman, being of sound and perfect memory. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executrix. I leave to my loving wife Sarah all my goods, furniture and personal estate, excepting my silver watch, a silver hilted sword, a brace of pistols, and a gun, which I give to my eldest son, Joseph. My real estate to be disposed of as follows: a lot of land lying in Bergon Town with a right of commonage to my wife Sarah for her use or disposal. The remainder of my whole estate to be equally divided into seven parts as follows: one seventh part thereof to my loving wife Sarah and a like part to each of my sons, Joseph, William and John; the same to each of my daughters, Mary and Deborah, and one seventh part to my youngest son, Stephen; in equal shares so soon as my youngest son arrive at twenty-one years, should he die then said estate may be sold and shared as aforesaid so soon as the youngest of my children now living shall attain twenty-one, but my said wife shall receive all rents that shall become due from any of my estates to be applied to her own use till the youngest shall come to twenty-one years. I make my loving wife Sarah executrix; should she die before my youngest child arrive to age aforesaid then I make Mr. Peter Mesier, the elder, of the City of New York, gentleman, and Mr. Daniel Smith, of the Township of Bergon, yeoman, executors of this my last will, in trust for the uses of my children in manner before expressed an undivided right of a piece of land laying at Sea Cocus in the Cedar Swamps and meadows, I give solely to my son William, so soon as he arrives to twenty-one years.

Dated February 12, 1761. Witnesses, William Sloo, of said City, tavern keeper, Isaac Kip, James Baker. Proved, June 1, 1784.

Page 525.—In the name of God, Amen. October 2, 1765. I, PETER MESIER, bolter, of the City of New York,

being at present in good state of health. All my lawful debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my eldest son, Abraham, the corner house and lot of ground wherein he now lives, with the other building thereon erected, lying in the West Ward of the City of New York, on the south side of Cortlants Street, bounded north by Cortlants Street, south by ground of Richard Patet, east by the house and lot of ground of Cornelia Kip, and west by Mesier Street, containing in length on both sides one hundred and four feet, and in front and rear forty feet, with all the appurtenances thereunto. Unto my son Peter the corner house and lot of ground wherein he now lives, with the storehouse thereon erected, and all appurtenances, lying in the West Ward of said City, on the south side of Cortlants, bounded north by Cortlants Street, south by the house and lot of Captain Lane, deceased, east by Mesier Street and west by the house where Abraham Bussing now lives, containing in front and rear fifty feet. Unto my daughter Elizabeth, wife of Abraham Bussing, the house and lot of ground wherein he now lives, being in the West Ward of said City, on the south side of Cortlants Street, bounded north by Cortlants Street, south by the house and lot of Captain Lane, deceased, east by the lot of ground where Peter Mesier now lives, and west by ground belonging to above mentioned testator, containing in front and rear fifty feet. Unto my two grandchildren, Jacob Van Voorhis, and John Van Voorhis, children of my daughter Catherean, deceased wife of Jacob Van Voorhis, the house and lot of ground where Jacob Van Voorhis now lives, being in the West Ward of said City, on the south side of Cortlants Street, bounded north by Cortlants Street, south by ground of Richard Pattet, east by the house and lot of ground of the heirs of Jacob Abrahams. west by ground of Cornelia Kip, containing in length on both sides one hundred and four feet and in breadth in front and rear thirty-nine feet. Within five years after my decease the remainder of my whole estate

in the City of New York or elsewhere shall be divided into four equal parts: to Abraham Mesier one fourth part; to Peter Mesier, a like part; the same to Elizabeth Mesier, and another fourth part to my two grandchildren, Jacob and John Van Voorhis. I make my sons, Abraham Mesier and Peter Mesier, executors.

Witnesses, John Van Dalsom, of said City, mason; Marselus Gerbrandts, Henry Sickles. Proved, June 1, 1784.

Page 527.—In ye name of God, Amen. I, PETER DEMAREST, of Bargain County, in the Eastern division of ye Province of New Jersey, being at this present time in good health. All my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid by my executors out of my estate. I leave to my dear and loving wife Elenor the use and improvement of all my real estate, and my negro boy Cesar, while my widow. Unto my loving daughter, Mary Ely, all my estate, both real and personal, should she die without issue then the same to go to my son-in-law, Abraham Ely. I make my wife Elenor, executrix, and my son-in-law, Abraham Ely, executor.

Dated October 29, 1764. Witnesses, William Ely, of the County of Essex, in the State of New Jersey, yeoman; Elizabeth Ely, Mary Demerest. Proved, June 3, 1784.

Page 528.—In the name of God, Amen. February 21, 1770. I, HELINA MCPHEADRIS, of ye City of New York, widow, being weak in body. All debts and funeral charges to be paid. I leave to my well-beloved daughter, Catharin Livingston, wife of Robert G. Livingston, of said city, merchant, one full half of my wearing apparel, none excepted; also, one half of all my wrought silver and gold, house furniture, linen, etc., according to inventory, the other half of the same to my two granddaughters, Helina McLeod and Susannah McDonald, daughters of my late daughter, Susanna Meyer, in equal shares. The one half of the



remainder of my personal estate to my said daughter; the other half as follows: one sixth part to Helena MacLeod; to Susannah McDonald a like part; a one sixth portion to my grandson, Andrew Meyer, Jun^r., to be paid unto him in trust for the use, maintenance, bringing up and educating his children, these he now hath, as well as these he may have hereafter; one sixth part to my grandson, John Meyer; a like portion my grandson, Simon Johnson Meyer; and the remaining sixth part to my grandson, Gilbert Meyer, payable to him by my executors when he arrives to twenty-one years or marriage, till then to be put out at interest for his benefit. (Andrew, John, Simon Johnson, and Gilbert are sons of my daughter, Susannah Meyer, deceased.) I make my son-in-law, Robert G. Livingston, and my daughter, Catharin Livingston, executors.

Witnesses, Margaret Stuyvasent, Peter Stuyvesant, of said City, Esquire, John Mekel. Proved, June 3, 1784.

Codicil. I, Helena McPheadrys, of the City of New York, May 23, 1772. Whereas in my last will, dated February 21, 1770, I did give my grandson, Andrew Meyer, Jun^r, the one sixth part of half my personal estate, in trust for the use of his children, etc. I do, after consideration, find no reason to continue the same in that manner any longer; I now direct that said sixth part shall continue and remain in my executors, to be put at interest and the proceeds to be applied by them for the purpose aforementioned till the youngest child shall arrive to twenty-one years, then the same to go to said children in equal shares. I did also give to my grandson, John Meyer, another sixth part of half of my estate, since I have taken it into consideration seriously and do not think fit to continue said legacy any longer, and more especially as I have been very disobligingly used by him, said legacy now to be left in the hands of my executors to be disposed of as they think proper, if they should at

any time find and be convinced and assured that ye said John Meyer should behave himself to their liking then they may at their discretion deliver him the said sixth part. The sixth part given before to my grandson, Gilbert Myer, shall also remain in the hands of my executors, to be given to him if he behaves well to their liking. Likewise at their discretion my executors may pay £100 as a voluntary gift or donation towards educating the poor children in a free English School belonging to the Dutch congregation in New York, said money shall be paid to the Trustees and managers of said School, which shall be put out at interest, and same to be applied for abovementioned purpose.

Witnesses, John Keily, Ann Mcpherson, Mary Peterson, of said City, widow. Proved, June 3, 1784.

Page 532.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN PARKER, of the Precinct of Harverstraw, Orange County, being of sound mind and perfect memory. All my just debts and funeral charges be first paid. I leave to my eldest son, John, five shillings, for his heirship. Unto my loving son Peter six shillings; to my loving son David, six shillings; to my loving daughter Mary, six shillings; to my loving son Jacob, £30, now I leave it in my younger son Isaacks breast whether he will allow my son Jacob the sum above mentioned or fifteen acres of land in the room of that sum, in any part of my land where my son Isaac thinks proper to let him have it. Unto my younger son, Isaac, my farm whereon I now live in said Precinct and County, beginning at the south east corner and then running all along the land of John Lorillard and Daniel Coe till it comes to the brook or minor fall, and then all along the Brook or Fall till it comes to the land of John Denoyel, then easterly along the land of Denoyel till it comes to the brook or miners Fall, then along said Fall till it meets the land of Benjamin Allison, and on in a direct course to the place of beginning. Unto my loving son Isaac a cer-



tain piece of land at the west side of the Brook or Fall whereon my son John now lives, to dispose of to pay all my just debts and legacies. Unto my loving wife Jemime one good dwelling room, two good cows, twelve bushels of grain yearly, three bushels of wheat, three of rye, three of corn, and three of buckwheat during widowhood; two good hogs, and a quarter of beef yearly for her own living and, if she wants more, she must have it out of my estate; should she be sick, or lame, or in want, my estate must relieve her in distress, and whenever it pleases God to take her out of this world she shall be buried in a Christian-like manner out of my estate; she and my loving son Isaac to have all my movable goods and household furniture, I also make them executors. Unto my loving granddaughter Mary, daughter of my eldest son, John, if she lives with me or her grandmother till she be of age, one good cow with calf and a good callico rapper. Unto my grandson John, the oldest son of my son John, £5.

Dated December 12, 1774. Witnesses, Thomas Osborn, Benjamin Furnien, John Hitchcock. Proved, February 3, 1777, at an Inferior Court of Common Pleas, held at Clarkstown in and for the said County of Orange.

Page 534.—I, JACOBUS DEMOTT, of the Precinct of Newborough, Ulster County, yeoman, being weak in body, November 30, 1783. I leave to my loving wife Cathorine, after my just debts are paid, the use of all my estate, both real and personal, while my widow. After her death, one half of my real estate to be divided amongst the children that I have by her as she shall direct by her will. Unto my son James £50. To my son Michael the remainder of my real estate. Unto my daughter, Hannah Lusee, the bond and accounts that I have against her husband, Eliezer Luse, provided he brings no accompt against my estate. Unto my daughter, Elizabeth Demott, £30, payable to

her at the end of six years from the date of this will, if she marries before, if not, as soon as she does. I make my wife Catherine, Eliezer Lusee and Gilbert Jones, executors.

Witnesses, Isaac Demot, of New Burgh Precinct, County of Ulster, yeoman, David Keech, William Buckingham. Proved, June 4, 1784.

Page 535.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN CROCHERON, of the County of Richmond, carpenter, being in perfect mind and memory this 10th day of February, 1783. I leave to my oldest son, Abraham, £20. All my lands, tenements, and moveable estate to be sold by my executors after my decease at their discretion for the benefit of my children, Abraham, Mary Elizabeth and Janne, in equal shares after all my funeral charges and just debts are paid (except what is given to my oldest son, Abraham); should any die under age or have no issue, their share to go equally to the survivors; my executors to pay their shares when the youngest comes to eighteen years, unless they think proper to do so before that time. I make my brother Abraham, executor, and my loving friend, Anthony Egberts, overseer of this my last will.

Witnesses, Cornelious Fountain, Abraham Egberts, both of said County, yeomen; Mary Egberts. Proved, May 21, 1784.

Page 536.—In the name of God, Amen. August 3, 1783. I, JOHN LA FORGE, of Staten Island, Richmond County, farmer, being weak in body. All my just debts to be paid. My whole estate, both real and personal, to be sold and turned into money. I leave to my daughter Cataran, £500, payable as soon as she comes of age. Unto my wife's daughter Mary, £100, payable when she comes of age. Unto my wife Sarah, all the rest of my estate. Should either of the children die under age, or without issue, then that part shall return to my wife. I make Cornalius Cole and John Lisk and Sarah, my wife, executors.

Witnesses, Richard Mercerea, Christian Mercereau, Anne Mercerau. Proved, May 18, 1784.

Page 537.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JEHONAS BENCON, of Haverstraw, Orange County, being weak in body. All my just debts to be paid. I leave to my brother, Corel Benson, as for his birthright, one Dutch Testament and five shillings. Unto my mother, Cornelya Benson, widow of Cornelius Benson, one lot of land, now in her possession, number twelve, commonly called A contest lot, in the precinct of Harverstraw; Also, to her, my whole estate, real and personal. I make my trusty friend, Abraham Pew, and my mother, Cornelia Benson, executors.

(Signed)

JEHONAS BENSON.

Dated September 18, 1782. Witnesses, William Campbell, Daniel Gero, of Orange town, Orange County, yeoman; William Campbell, jr. Proved, June 11, 1784.

Page 539.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN MORRIS, late of the City of New York, but at present of Somerset County, State of New Jersey, being in health of body. All my just debts and funeral charges shall be paid by my executors out of my personal estate. I leave to my beloved wife, Mary Sophia, all my household furniture, my riding chair, and any one of my horses which she shall choose; Also, the profits, use and improvement of one seventh part of my whole estate that remains, after payment of my debts and funeral expenses, while my widow, all in lieu of her right to dower. My said wife shall have the guardianship, custody and charge of my younger children and of their education, while my widow; should she marry, then my other executors shall take such charge, she to be excluded from any and all parts of my estate hereinbefore given unto her. My gold-headed cane to my son Jacob; my gold watch to my son John; my wearing apparel to my sons, James Washington and

George Clark, in two equal shares; should either of them die under age the other is to take it, and if both of them die under age then my sons, Jacob and John, are to take equally between them such parts as may then remain. I desire that a part of my estate be set aside for the maintenance, education and support of my younger children, and that my sons, James Washington and George Clarke, have good liberal educations, and that my daughters, Margaret and Elizabeth Susannah, be brought up and educated in a manner suitable and proper for young women of their station in life, and that for these purposes the following sums of money be paid out of my estate by my executors: for my sons, James Washington and George Clark, until they respectively attain the age of ten years, £30, proclamaion money of New Jersey, in gold or silver, yearly, for each of them; from then till they attain fourteen years, £40 in like manner; from fourteen years of age until twenty-one, £50, in same manner; for my daughters, Elizabeth Susannah and Margaret, until they respectively attain the age of ten years, £20, like money yearly for each; from then till the age of fourteen years, £45, as before; from then till twenty-one years, £40, in same manner. The remainder of my whole estate to my said children: Jacob, John, James Washington, George Clark, Margaret, and Elizabeth Susannah, in equal shares. My executors shall sell and dispose of all or any part of my real estate whenever they shall think most for the advantage of my children. I make my wife Mary Sophia, during her widowhood, and my sons, Jacob, John, and James Washington, and my friends, Henry Remson and Elias Boudinot, Esquires, executors.

Dated February 4, 1782. Witnesses, John Reed, Robert Morris, Robert Boggs. Proved, May 25, 1782.

[NOTE.—On June 11, 1784, the Court of Probates affirmed the Letters Testamentary granted to Mary Morton and Jacob Morton by the Prerogative Court of New Jersey on November 27, 1782.]



Page 541.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PAULES GERSLER, of the Precinct of Haverstraw, Orange County, yeoman. All my just debts and funeral charges to be paid by my executors. I leave to my loving wife Leah, all my whole estate, real and personal, while my widow; after her death or remarriage, as follows: To my eldest son, Harmaines, six shillings for his being heir at law; all my lands and tenements, in equal shares, to my two sons, Peter and Philip; my moveable estate to my two loving daughters, Maria and Christian, in equal shares. I make my trusty and loving friends, Daniel Gero and Cornelius Hannium, executors.

(Signed)

PAULUS KESELER.

Dated May 30, 1774. Witnesses, Joannis Snedeker, Jacob Polhemus, of Haverstraw Precinct, Orange County, yeoman; Gartie Polhemus. Proved, June 11, 1784.

Page 543.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN CRAGE, of the Precinct of Mamacatting, Ulster County, being weak in body. All my just debts and funeral charges and other expenses to be paid by my executors out of my moveable estate at some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my loving wife James [Jane]† and my children James, David, John, Martha, Margaret, and Isabella, all my estate, real and personal, in equal shares. For the better education of my children, above named, I do give and dispose of the tuition and custody of them to my said wife (while my widow), till such time as either of them continue unmarried and under the age of twenty-one years. The fifty acres of land which I formerly sold to Daniel Ross, for which he has not deeds of conveyance, my executors are to settle with him, and to give him sufficient and reasonable deeds for the same. I make said wife executrix and Daniel Graham, Esq^r, and Cap^t William Cross, executors.

Dated October 12, 1779. Witnesses, James Fulton,

David Crage, Adam Crage, of Shawangunk Precinct, Ulster County, yeoman. Proved, June 12, 1784.

Page 544.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOBUS STOUTENBERGH, of the City of New York, gunsmith, December 4, 1772. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executors. I leave to my well-beloved son Isaac, six shillings for his birthright. My beloved wife Mary shall have the whole management of my estate, both real and personal, while my widow. Unto my three daughters, namely: Ann, Mary, and Eleanor, all my household furniture and "Cichen" furniture, in equal shares, should any of them die before sharing, and having no lawful heirs, then that part to the survivors. My son Isaac shall have all my wearing apparel, except my gold buttons, which shall be for my daughter Eleanor; the £45 with all the interest then due which I have paid for him shall be as part of his share, that is to say that my three daughters, Ann, Mary and Eleanor, and each of them shall share so much of my estate equal with the money that I stand security for and the £20, fifteen shillings and nine pence before he has any right to share, after said daughters have their full proportion equal as above mentioned, then he is to share with them. My son Isaac shall also have my large Dutch Bible. I make my beloved wife Mary, my son Isaac, my daughters, Mary and Eleanor, executors.

(Signed)

JACOBUS STOUTENBURGH.

Witnesses, Michal Ryer, John Bailey, Anthony Ford, of said City, cartman. Proved, May 21, 1784.

Page 546.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MALTBY GELSTON, of Southampton, Suffolk County, yeoman. I leave to my son John, all my real and personal estate, except the house and lot I purchased of Ebenezer Edwards, and the five acres I had of Thomas Sanford, and ten acres upon the south side of Fordham lot, which I give to my son Thomas. Unto my son David, £5; to

my son William, £5; to my son Hugh, £100. Unto my daughters, five shillings a piece. My wife shall have the improvement of third of my real estate, and the improvement of all my personal estate, while my widow. My son John to pay all my debts and legacies whom I also make executor.

Dated March 7, 1783. Witnesses, John Hulbert, merchant, Prudence Hulbert, both of said County; Polley Doane. Proved, April 9, 1784.

Page 547.—In the name of God, Amen. May 15, 1781. I, JOSEPH GOLDER, of Jamaica, Queens County, being now advanced in years. All my just debts and funeral charges be satisfied and paid. I leave to Elizabeth, my dearly beloved wife, £20, payable by my executors, and to be raised and levied out of my moveable estate; my executors likewise shall find a reasonable support for my said wife for the space of six months after my decease, and my dwelling house for her to live in for same term. Unto my well-beloved son William, £10; to my well-beloved son John, £5; to my well-beloved daughter, Dianah Wood, now wife of Elijah Wood, £60; should said daughter die before she shall be entitled to said legacy, then said sum to be equally divided among all her children. Unto my well-beloved daughter Garsenah, £60, but this legacy is to remain in the hands of my executors, payable as they shall think her wants or needs do require. Unto my three well-beloved granddaughters, daughters of my son Michael, deceased, namely: Elizabeth, Elche, and Mercy, each £20. Unto my well-beloved granddaughter Mary, daughter of my son Garret, deceased, £60, payable when she shall arrive at her perfect age, or marriage. My executors shall sell and dispose of all my real estate, both lands, meadows and improvements, when and as they shall think convenient and to the most advantage of my two aforesaid sons. I give to my well-beloved grandson Joseph, son of my son William, £5; to my well-beloved grandson Joseph, son

of my son John, £5; all the remainder of money arising from said sale to be equally divided between my two said sons. I make my son William, and my trusty friend, Isaac Amberman, sr., and my cousin, William Hendrickson, executors.

Witnesses, James Everit, Simon Vores, Bernardus Lamberson, of said County, yeoman. Proved, May 7, 1784.

Page 550.—Know all men by these presents that I, WILLIAM CRUCKER, of Wheatly, in Oyster Bay, Queens County, on Long Island, being this sixth day of April, 1782, very poorly in body and far advanced in age. I leave to each of my daughters, viz.: Elizabeth Weeks, and Anna Albertice, £30; to my granddaughter, Phebe Crucker, £25; to each of my grandsons, viz.: James and William Pine, £25; all the above legacies to be paid out of my moveable estate, before any division be made, by my executors, as they think most proper. Also, to my son William, all my farming utensils, the half of my hogs, and one gun. The remainder of my moveable estate, not given away, be it bonds or whatsoever of any kind, both here and elsewhere, to my three daughters, viz.: Sarah Valentine, Elizabeth Weeks, and Anna Albertrice, in equal shares. My real and fast estate, that I am in possession of, both here and elsewhere, to my son William, with this reserve, that is, he is to give my three daughters, abovementioned, £50 each, in some short time after my decease; should he refuse, my executors are to sell ten acre lots, adjoining Adonijah Underhill, in order to pay above legacies which make £150. The part of my estate given to my daughter, Sarah Valentine, my executors are to take into their hands and deal or give it out to her as they think best, should they think best to give it to her children, they are so to do, but not till they come of age. I make my friends, Timothy Townsend, Richard Valentine, executors, and my daughter, Anna Albertice, executrix.



Witnesses, Jan Montfoort, of said County, yeoman, Charles Frost, Henry Post. Proved, May 26, 1784.

Page 551.—In the name of God, Amen. I, THOMAS WENDOVER, of the City of New York, cordwainer, being in good health. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid at some convenient time after my decease. I leave to my son Hercules, at my decease, my silver watch, which I had of my brother, Peter Breastead. Unto my daughter Mariah, widow of John Shan, late of this City, mariner, deceased, £20; payable one month after the decease of my wife; said sum intended to make her equal with her two sisters, Anatie and Elizabeth, for their respective outsets at time of their marriage. The residue of my whole estate unto my loving wife Elizabeth for her life, to receive the income and profits thereof for her better support and maintenance. To enable her to pay my debts which I now owe, she and my executors may at discretion sell any one of my dwelling houses, which she shall approve of, and not otherwise. The overplus of proceeds of sale, after debts, funeral expenses be paid, to be put at interest by my executors for her maintenance. At her death, all my estates to go to my children and grandchildren in the following proportions: one fifth to my son Hercules; another to my daughter Anatie, widow of Henry Play, deceased; another to my daughter Mariah, widow of John Shan, deceased; another to my three grandchildren, Joseph and Robert Ketch and Elizabeth Melvin, wife of Peter Melvin, mariner, being the children of my deceased daughter, Elizabeth Ketch; the remaining fifth to the children of my deceased son, Peter Wendover, namely: Thomas, John, Margaret, Mary, Peter and Stephen, in equal shares. Should any of my six grandchildren die under twenty-one or before they marry, their part to the survivors equally. To facilitate the division of my estate at my wife's death, my surviving executors to sell all my real estate at discretion. I make my wife Eliza-

beth, my son Hercules, and my friend, Thomas Col-
lister of said City, joiner, executors.

Dated November 6, 1773. Witnesses, Augustus Van
Cortlandt, of said City, Esquire; Robert Towt, Isaac
Stymets. Proved, February 16, 1784.

END OF LIBER 36.

LIBER 37.

Page 1.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL MURGITTROYD, of the City of New York, Grocer. I leave to my wife, Esther Murgittroyd, of the same City, all my estate, real and personal, and make her executrix.

Dated January 8, 1784. Witnesses, Andrew Bowne, shop keeper, Ann Letson. Proved, New York, September 11, 1784.

Page 2.—By his Excellency William Livingston Esquire, Governor, Captain General and Commander-in-Chief of the State of New Jersey to all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. Know ye that at New Brunswick on the date hereof the last will of FRANCIS BRASIER, late of Somerset County, deceased, was proved, and is now approved by me, and administration granted to Rev. Mr. Abraham Beach and Samuel Beekman, two of the executors. Burlington, N. J., May 10, 1784.

In the name of God, Amen. I, FRANCIS BRASIER, of the County of Somerset in the Province of New Jersey, being in health and of sound mind and memory. I give to my loving wife Elizabeth, all my furniture, plate, etc., with £500 out of any part of my personal estate she shall choose. Also the farm or plantation whereon I now live to be known by the name of New Aperfield, a house and lot and two meadow lots at Raritan landing, a wood lot of sixty odd acres at the Roundabouts and four acres of salt meadow on South River, with all the servants, slaves, cattle, horses and other stock, and farming utensils, all of which to my wife while she remains my widow, in quiet and peaceful possession. If my wife die or remarry then all my

estate shall be sold and the remainder (not otherwise here given) shall be divided between my sisters, Mary Brasier, Sarah Hay, Frances Lagrange, and my nephew, Meads Brasier. My wife shall have power to sell or bind out any of the slaves. To my sister, Sarah Hay, my house and lot on Smith Street, New York, wherein she now lives, on condition she pay to my executors £410 current money of the City of New York, at the rate of eight shillings to the Spanish dollar; and if any of my sisters or nephew shares in my late sister Avory's estate insist on interest on my note due said estate £280 and will not recede therefrom my will is that they be cut off from any share in my estate and their share be equally divided among the other shares; and if my sister, Sarah Hay, refuse to comply to the above condition, then my executors to sell the said house and lot and deduct therefrom the £410 and whatever interest is insisted upon, and the overplus, if any, be paid to my sister, Sarah Hay. To my friend, Henry Beekman, my suit of black clothes, and my joyners tools not wanted on my plantation, and I discharge him from all debts due me. To Francis Brasier Beekman, son of Henry Beekman, £50, for his schooling. To my niece, Mary Hay, my mourning hair ring to keep in memory of her two aunts, whose names are engraved thereon. I nominate my wife Elizabeth, executrix, and the Rev. Abraham Beach and Samuel Beekman, executors, all of the County of Somerset.

Dated June 15, 1781. Witnesses, Henry Beekman, William Vanduyn, John Bice.

Page 4.—The People of the State of New York to all to whom these presents shall come send Greeting. Whereas ANTHONY TEN EYCK, of the Manor of Renselaerwyke, Albany County, deceased, did make his will bearing date the 24th day of April, 1775, and thereby appointed Coenraed Ten Eyck, Catheren Ten Eyck and Susan Ten Eyck, executors, and whereas on the 20th day of June, 1775, at Albany County, the will

was proved, and on the 15th day of July following administration was granted to Coenrad Ten Eyck and Catharine Ten Eyck, two of the executors, and whereas Susan Ten Eyck, the other executrix, at that time an infant under the age of seventeen, but now arrived at lawful age is willing to be joined in the said administration. Now Know ye that administration is now granted to Coenraed Ten Eyck, Catheren Ten Eyck and Susan Ten Eyck, New York, October 27, 1784.

Page 4.—I, ROBERT JOHNSON, of America Precinct, New York, seriously considering the uncertainty of human life in the best and more particularly of my own in my declining state of health do while in a sound state of mind make this my last will. I give to my beloved wife Jane, over and above what is agreed to in a jointure, mutually executed by her and myself for the express purpose of barring her dower, dated in November, 1778 (which jointure I would have punctually performed), as a small recompense for her incessant labour and kindness to me during two years of tedious illness, one cow, one pewter platter, four pewter plates, which she may choose, one pair of large andirons, my newest bed, and one stew pan, with all her wearing apparel, and all the things she brought me when I married her. Also, if she survives me £20 New York money, estimated by wheat at six shillings per bushel, within one year after my decease. To my son Samuel, all my lands which I am seized of, with all my goods and chattels, except as above excepted. To my son, George Johnson, Sarah Kelsey and Ruth Cleaveland, £8 within two years after my decease. To my son Robert, £5. I appoint my son Samuel, and my friend, Mr. Isaac Darrow, executors.

Dated October 4, 1781. Witnesses, James Reynolds, Silas Marsh, Junr, of Poghkeepsie Precinct, Dutchess County, gentleman, Silas Marsh. Proved, Dutchess County, June 3, 1784. Confirmed, New York, June 15, 1784.

Page 6.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JONATHAN WEEKS, of Bedford, Westchester County, New York, being sick and weak of body. I leave to my daughter, Hannah Weeks, when of lawful age, one bed with the furniture thereunto belonging, her mother's wearing cloaths, all my pewter, chest with draws and the kittle. I direct my executors by the first day of May next to sell my dwelling house, and all my lands, and personal estate as soon as they can and pay my debts therefrom, and what remains to let out on interest till my three sons come to lawful age. To my said sons, namely, Amos, John and Lewis, said money equally divided, only to my son Amos £5 the most. I constitute my trusty friends, Joseph Webster and Robert Bostwick, executors.

Dated May 4, 1784. Witnesses, Henry Taylor, Zebediah Mills, of Bedford, yeoman, Zephaniah Mills. Proved, Westchester County, May 24, 1784.

Page 7.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JEREMIAH DRAKE, of the Manor of Cortlandt, Westchester County, in good health. I give to my son John, all my right from a Bond and Mortgage deed that I have against the estate of Isaac Kronkhite which sum I suppose to be about £800. To my son Jeremiah a farm at Calabarrah containing 145 acres, mortgaged to me by Joseph Jones, deceased, also about thirty acres in Mile Square about four miles from Kings Bridge, mortgaged to me by the same. To my son Benjamin the farm I now live on, on the north side of the road leading from Peekskill landing to Crum-pond, containing about 200 acres. To my son Peter, that part of the farm I now live on, on the south of the said road, containing about 145 acres, also that farm I purchased from John McCoy that Col. James Hammond now lives on. To my daughter Martha, about 60 acres on the north side of the farm that formerly belonged to Cornight Brigs, which I have a mortgage deed for, also a negro girl named Dine, and £100 in cash at my decease. To my

twin daughters, Mary and Jane, £200 equally divided between them. To my sister, Mary Taylor, that house and land she now lives on during her life and then to her daughter Billicky. The farm I purchased of Jonathan Stephens to be sold and the money divided between my four above sons. Also the land that Bloomer Ogden lived on formerly to be sold and the money divided among my children. To Martha, my loving wife, £500 and one negro boy named Ned, and all the cattle, horses and live stock, and the best room in the house I now live in and the privilege of keeping two cows and one horse, my son Benjamin to find keeping for these creatures, and firewood for my wife during her widowhood; but if it be her choice to live with any of my other sons they shall be under the same obligation of taking the same care of her as Benjamin. If my wife marry then she is to quit the aforesaid privileges with only £200. To my grandson Jeremiah, son of my son, John Drake, £50. The remainder of my estate to be equally divided between my children. I make my wife Martha, and my sons, Benjamin and Peter, executors; my wife to be sole executrix while my widow.

Dated January 2, 1783. Witnesses, John Rooney, Benjamin Field, of Harrisons Purchase, Westchester County, yeoman, being of the people called Quakers, and Joseph Travis. Proved, Westchester County, May 24, 1784.

Page 9.—In the name of God, Amen. I, EZEKIEL HARRIS, of Bedford, County of Westchester, carpenter, being aged and infirm of body. I leave to my dearly beloved wife Martha, and my daughter, Reuamy Harris, the sole privilege and use of the west room and bedroom of my house, also the west chambers and equal privilege in the kitchen during the said Martha's widowhood, or for Reuamy's use so long as unmarried and no longer. To my wife the use of all my moveable estate except my carpenter's tools and farming utensils, but she shall not dispose of any except driven thereto

by the force of necessity or the benefit of the legatees, and then only by the approbation of my executors; at the decease of my wife the said moveables to my three daughters, Martha, wife of Silace Miller; Dorcus, wife of Lemuel Light, and Sarah, wife of Zephaniah Miller. To my daughter, Reuamy Harris, that tenement or mesuage of land on the west side of the highway, which I purchased of Richard Honeywell, except my son Ezekiel shall pay to the said Reuamy £100, then the land to be his. To my son Ezekiel the remainder of my lands on the east side of the highway, except the temporary reserve above mentioned for his mother and sister; Also my carpenters tools and farmers utensils. I make my good friends, Martha Harris, my wife, Lemuel Light, and Lott Sarlls, executors.

Dated May 3, 1783. Witnesses, David Holmes, Abraham Berritt, Lot Sarlls, of Bedford, yeoman. Proved, Westchester County, May 28, 1784. Confirmed, New York, June 16, 1784.

Page 10.—In the name of God, Amen. This 22d day of December, 1776. I, ELIZABETH MILLER, of Bedford, Westchester County, widow, being very sick and weak of body. I leave to my loving daughter Anna, wife of Jonathan Lion, all my wearing clothes, and one feather bed and furniture, viz.: two cover leds, one pair of sheats, one pair of pillers and pillow cases, to chuse the same out of my beads and bedding. To my grandson, Samuel Lion, son of Jonathan Lion, my negro man Jack to dispose of him as he shall think proper. The remainder of my estate to be equally divided between my daughter Anna and my four granddaughters, viz.: Elizabeth Gran [?], Phebe Lion, Theany Lion, Deborah Lion, as they shall come of age. I make my loving brother, Jacob Smith, and my trusty friend, John Miller, Jr., both of Bedford, executors.

Witnesses, Nathan Canfield Junr, Samuel Ambler, Joseph Robinson, of Bedford, yeoman. Proved, West-

chester County, May 29, 1784. Confirmed, New York, June 16, 1784.

Page 12.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN BRADY, of Cortlandts Maner, Westchester County, being weak in body. I give to my son John £5 for the reason I have given him his part before. To my son William, 40 acres in North Cassel; to my daughter, Mary Washbon, £20; to my son Zebulon, 60 acres in North Cassel; to my son Simeon, 45 acres in North Cassel. To my grandsons, James, Daniel and Josiah Brady, sons of Thomas Brady, 60 acres in North Cassel. To my daughter, Rachel Brundig, £20. I make my son and good friends, Simeon Brady, Abraham Carpenter, Joseph Cornal, executors.

Dated August 14, 1782. Witnesses, Jonathan Newman, Benjamin Morehouse, cordwainer, Asa Newman, Elizabeth Arnold. Proved, Westchester County, May 27, 1784.

Page 13.—In the name of God, Amen. This 21st day of April, 1784. I, SAMUEL SACKETT, of the Manor of Cortlandt, Westchester County, Minister of the Gospel in Christ, being weak in body. I give to my grandson, Joseph Sackett, my riding saddle and bridle and ten shillings. Whereas I am bound as security in several obligations for my son Nathaniel, for which he has conveyed to me by deed his farm in Dutchess County, as security, I therefore will my executors to sell the said farm, and discharge the said obligations, and return the overplus, if any, to my said son Nathaniel, and whereas he now is indebted to me for monies lent I order he pay the same to my executors. To my loving wife Hannah, her choice of my beds, with all my flax and wool, and the wool which shall be taken off my sheep this spring, my looking glass and six silver table-spoons. My negro woman Sill, my household goods and stock and moveable estate to be sold and the monies with all my other moneys to be for the support of

my wife so long as she shall live. I bequeath my library with all my books to my wife Hannah, Hannah Bauldin and James Sackett. To my son James, all my land in the Precinct of New Cornwell, Ulster County. The money remaining at the death of my wife to go one moiety to my daughter, Hannah Bauldin, and the other to my son James. To my son-in-law, Benjamin Peck, my watch, shoe and knee buckles and walking staff. I make my wife, my sons-in-law, Isaac Bauldin and Benjamin Peck, and my son James, executors.

Witnesses, Mary Purdy, Joseph Lee, Joseph Strang, of Cortlandts Manor, Esquire. Proved, June 16, 1784.

Page 15.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CALEB SMITH, of Goshen Precinct, Orange County, being weak in body. I give to my beloved wife Abigail, one third of the grain, and one third of the swine that I shall die possessed of, my young gray mare and side saddle, two cows of his choice, ten sheep, my case of drawers, one bed her choice, and £15 for the purpose of purchasing other articles of furniture sufficient to keep house, she also to have the use of the best room in my house where I now live, and of one third of my homestead farm, and premises thereto, containing about 113 acres, while she is my widow and no longer, and I bequeath to her the use of the cleared land on the north side of the road that leads past Israel Well's house to the Wallkill bridge at Henry Wisner Jr., until my son Caleb attains the age of twenty-one. To my eldest son, Henry Conkling Smith, lands as follows: beginning at a great rock by the road leading to Israel Well's at a division fence between the meadow and upland, thence northeasterly as the said fence runs, across the lot I purchased of Col. Samuel Gales's estate, then across my homestead lot to a small rock in the line of Solomon Carpenter's land, then along his line to the said road and along this to the place of beginning, containing all within those bounds and twenty-six acres I purchased of Jesse Gale (except about half an acre on the side thereof

next Israel Wells land which I devise to my son Stephen, so as to include part of the spring brook; in paying my son Henry therefore not to exceed £5); Also twenty-five acres in Ulster County adjoining the lands of John Ketcham, and half of my right in the Cedar Swamp, the above to my son, Henry Conkling, forever, nevertheless chargeable with the legacies hereafter mentioned; Also to Henry, my building timber already cut, and my pine and oak boards on hand for building him a house, and one third of the apples that my orchard on my homestead shall produce for ten years after my decease. To my son Stephen, the land as follows: beginning at the great rock before mentioned, running northeasterly as aforesaid by the lands given to Henry to the small rock in the line of Solomon Carpenter's land, then southeasterly along said Carpenter's land to the road, then along said road to the lands of Joseph Wood, then northwesterly along said Wood's land to the road leading to Israel Wells, then across the same to the place of beginning; Also the remainder of the northwest end of my homestead lot, and the other half of my right in the Cedar swamp. I give to my son Caleb my land lying between the lands of my brother, Stephen Smith, and the said Israel Wells, about 75 acres, he to come into possession when at the age of twenty-one, subject to the payment of £100 to my daughter Abigail. To my son John, 100 acres in Ulster County, adjoining the lands of David Horton and Daniel Case. To my daughter, Abigail Smith, one bed and one cow. All the rest of my personal estate to my said sons, Henry Conkling and Stephen, and I order them to pay my debts and funeral charges, equally between them; and my son, Henry Conkling Smith, shall pay to my son Joshua £80 when Joshua is twenty-one; and Stephen shall pay to said Joshua £100 when twenty-one; and my wife Abigail and sons, Henry and Stephen, shall give to my son Caleb good English learning and Arithmetic, I hereby making the lands devised to my said sons, Henry, Stephen and Caleb, and the legacy to

my wife chargeable for the payment of the debts and legacies herein, and if any of my said sons or daughter die before twenty-one, unmarried or without lawful issue, then his or her share to be divided among the survivors. Also my said sons, John and Joshua, shall be put out to learn trades by my executors hereby making them guardians for that purpose. I make my brother, Stephen Smith, my friend, Benjamin Conkling, my said sons, Henry Conkling Smith and Stephen Smith, executors.

Dated April 17, 1784. Witnesses, James Carpenter, John L. Moffat, of Goshen, Coe Gale, Reuben Hopkins. Proved, Orange County, May 6, 1784. Confirmed, New York, June 18, 1784.

Page 18.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN RODMAN, of Flushing, Queens County, Nassau Island, yeoman, being sick and weak. I give to Martia, my dearly beloved wife, a riding chair with a black mare used with it, and a negro wench named Pegg with her youngest child named Mandrew; Also the use of my whole estate as long as she remains my widow, to support and bring up the children and give them learning. Also my whole estate (except that above given) to my wife and six children, equally divided and kept till the youngest child comes of age. I nominate my loving friends, John Allen of Hempstead and Elijah Pell of Flushing, yeoman, executors, and I empower them to settle all my affairs relating to my brother Thomas Rodman's widow and myself according to the article of agreement made between us.

Dated April 30, 1784. Witnesses, Daniel Tuthill, schoolmaster, Matthew Farrington, Darby Doyel. Proved, Queens County, June 4, 1784. Confirmed, New York, June 17, 1784.

Page 19.—I, THOMAS OAKLY, JR., of the Precinct of Goshen, Orange County, being very sick. I leave to my brother, John Oakly, all the gratuity of lands and the

wages due me as a soldier in Col. Lamb's Regiment of Artillery; and all the rest of my estate with this Previso to it to pay to my brothers and sisters, Phebe, Jeremiah, Augustus, Marthar, Sarah and Juliana, out of the same when it shall be collected such sums as my executors shall think proper. I make my uncle, William Holly, and my brother, John Oakly, executors.

Dated June 23, 1783. Witnesses, William Holly, Jr., of Goshen, Samuel Holly, James Hannés. Proved, Orange County, April 30, 1784. Confirmed, New York, June 18, 1784.

Page 20.—These Presents witnesseth this first day of May, 1780, that I, RICHARD TATTERSALL, of Hempstead, Nassau Island. I give to my wife Martha, all my estate, after my debts are paid, for her to bring up my children withal, but I empower my executors to sell all or any part of my estate for the support of my family. But if my wife should marry or die before my estate shall be expended then what I have given her I give to my two sons, Richard and Losee, and to such son or sons as my wife may have within nine months after my decease, if any die before of lawful age his part to his surviving brother or brothers, and if all die then to my daughters (not named). My executors to put my children out to such trades and such places as they think best. I make my wife and John Mott, executors.

Witnesses, Rebekah Mott, James Cornall, John Mott 3d, yeoman. Proved, Queens County, June 16, 1784.

Page 21.—I VINCENT MATHEWS, of Mathews field, Cornwall Precinct, Orange County, Esquire, being in a comfortable state of health, do this 12th day of March, 1783, make my last will and testament. I leave to my two sons, Fletcher and James Mathews, and my daughter, Bridget Jones, together with the children of my son David, all my lands at Western hook in Albany

County which came to me by my first wife, Catalina Abeel, equally divided amongst them, one fourth to Fletcher, one fourth to James, one fourth to Bridget Jones, one fourth to the children of David. To my sons, Fletcher and James, and the children of David, and to my daughter, Elizabeth Beekman, all the residue of my real estate in the State of New York, the State of Connecticut or elsewhere, one fourth to each. It is my will that my children and grandchildren divide my estate as aforesaid in as short a time after my decease as they or any two of my children, shall agree to such division, first giving three months notice in one or more of the Public newspapers of this State, and if they do not agree within six months then my executors to make a division, provided always that if my said son Fletcher shall refuse to come to a division of that part of my estate at Western hook aforesaid, and to make releases to the said James, Bridget Jones, and the children of David when thereto required, he shall be barred from any right or title to any part of my estate herein given him; and provided also that if my said son Fletcher shall produce any account against me after my decease, such account shall be deducted out of that part of my estate herein given him; and provided likewise that if my aforesaid son David doth not take up and cancel a bond in which I was security for him to George Foliet, of the City of New York, merchant, for a certain sum, the amount of the same when my executors shall be called upon for its payment shall be deducted out of that part of my estate devised to the children of my said son David. To my said daughter, Elizabeth Beekman, my jewels and plate which my late wife Elizabeth brought to my house at Mathews field. All the remainder of my personal estate to be divided in the following manner, one fourth each to my son Fletcher, to my son James, the children of David and to my daughter, Elizabeth Beekman, but if Fletcher refuse to comply with the directions heretofore given as to

lands at Western hook then he to be barred of receiving any of my personal estate, and in such case it to be divided as follows: one third to James, one third to the children of David, and one third to Elizabeth. My executors to sell that part of my estate, real and personal, devised to the children of my son David, and to pay them the money or equal shares as they arrive at full age. I appoint my son James, my son-in-law, Theophilus Beekman, and my friend, Mr. John Ellison, of Ulster County, executors.

Witnesses, William Hudson, Richard Goldsmith, Thomas Moffat, of Cornwall Precinct, Orange County, Esquire. Proved, New York, June 21, 1784.

Page 24.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PETER STRYKER, of Flat Bush, Kings County, Island of Nassau, Province of New York, being not well in bodily health, but of perfect understanding, considering the uncertain continuance of my life, and the many hazards and dangers that it is obnoxious to and being desirous to leave that small estate and fortune that God has been pleased to bless me with in my family with as much peace and unity as may be, and that I may have nothing of this transitory world or the entanglements thereof to incumber my contemplations with at my going out of it, but to meditate of the next world and the inestimable blessings and comforts that are there to be enjoyed, I do make this my last will and testament. I leave to my eldest son, Peter Stryker, Jr., £5, and my silver hilted sword for his birthright. My loving wife Jannitje shall remain in quiet and peaceable possession of my houses, lands, meadows and woodlands in Flat Bush and Flat lands, during the time she remains my widow, also the use of so much of my furniture and farmers' tools as she thinks meet; Also all my horses and my negro slave named Joo, while my widow. To my son Peter, my houses, buildings, lands, woodlands and meadows in Flat Bush and Flat lands, from the day after the burial of my

said wife and forever thereafter; Also my farmers and Brewers tools; and I order him to pay the following legacies: To my son Gerrit, £250 one year after my wife's decease and £250 further two years after the same; to my daughter Sarah, now wife of Cornelis Cornel, £200 three years after my wife's decease; to my daughter Jannetje, now wife of Jacob Mizasol, £200 four years after my wife's decease. I leave to my son Gerret, my bed and bedstead with the red callico curtains, sheets, pillows, bolsters, coverleds, etc., now standing in my large southwest room; Also three milch cows, two heifers and my young horse, and my new iron bound waggon. All monies in cash in my house, or out upon use to my wife, my sons, Peter and Gerret, and my daughters, Sarah and Jannitje, each one fifth. Whatever crop of grain found on my lands and in my barn at my decease shall belong to my wife, and the crop of all sorts only on the land at my wife's decease to my son Peter. To said Peter all my right in the undivided land in Flat Bush patent by an Indenture bearing date the 16th of November, 1738. I make my cousins, Micheal Stryker, Peter Lott, Capt. Leffert Martenson and George Martenson, all of Flat Bush, executors.

Dated June 9, 1773. Witnesses, Barent Van Deventer, Joh^s Casp. Rubel, Petrus Van Steenburgh, of New York City, schoolmaster. Proved, Kings County, May 27, 1784. Confirmed, New York, June 22, 1784.

Page 27.—In the name of God, Amen. This 4th day of April, 1767. I, JOSIAH ELTINGE, of the New Paltz, Ulster County, considering the uncertainty of this transitory life, do make my last will. I leave to my dear wife Magdalena, for life the annuity of £20, paid her yearly by my five children, Abraham, Rovloff J., Solomon, Cornelius and Catharyntje Eltinge. But if she shall not be contented therewith but shall require or sue for her dower then she to be utterly debarred from the said annuity. Also to my wife my negro wench

Saer, one bedstead, one feather bed and underbed and all the bedding unto the same, for life, and after her decease to my said five children. To my son Abraham (being my first born) one full moiety of the one third of all the right of inheritance, and one moiety of the one third part of all the lands lying in the Colony of Maryland, which Petrus Eltinge and Elizabeth, his wife, conveyed to Petrus Edmundus Elmondorph by their deed dated July 16, 1763, which said one third of the said premises was conveyed to me, Josiah Eltinge and Noah Eltinge by the said Petrus Edmundus Elmondorph and Mary, his wife, by deed dated September 10, 1763; Also to my son Abraham those two lots commonly called the Bouwery and the Verkens way lying within the Patent of New Paltz, Ulster County, on the east side of the Paltz River, bounded on the north by the land of Soloman Hasbrouck, deceased; west by the Paltz River, and south by the land called the Bouwery, late of Jacob Hasbrouck deceased, now in possession of Jacob Hasbrouck, Jr.; Also that lot in the same Patent known by lot No. 10 in the first twelve lots of the new division called the First Tier, east of the old divisions, east of the Paltz River; Also lot No. 4 (of the same Patent, etc.) in the second twelve lots of the new division called the Second Tier, east of the said First Tier; Also lot No. 2 in the lot No. 11, called "Grand Pere's" lot in the first twelve lots of the said Second Tier; Also lot No. 3 in the lot No. 5, called "Grand Pere's" lot, in the second twelve lots of the said Second Tier; Also lot No. 2 being one fifth of a lot called "Grand Pere's Verkens Way" adjoining the north side of the lot called the Verkens Way belonging to Jacob Hasbrouck, Jr. To my said son, Rooloff J. Eltinge, those lots in the said Patent which Abraham Dubois, of Somerset County, New Jersey, conveyed to my father, Roolof Eltinge, Esquire, deceased, by deed dated June 20, 1734, the lot called the "Troicare" and those two lots above devised called the "Bouwery" and the "Verkens" only

excepted; Also that land in the said Patent on the west side of the Paltz River called the "Pies a Chambre," which Simon Dubois exchanged to me for the aforesaid lot called the "Troicare" by deed dated September 12, 1752; Also lot No. 11 on the east side of the Paltz River granted among other lands to Noah Eltinge and Nathaniel Lefever, by letters, Patent dated May 12, 1748, which said lot No. 11 was conveyed to me by Noah Eltinge by deed dated March 15, 1754; Also that house wherein he now dwelleth and the homestead and ground unto the same belonging in the town of New Paltz, on the east side of the street, which the heirs of Samuel Bevier, late of New Paltz, deceased, conveyed to me by deed dated May 12, 1760; Also the southermost third of lot No. 3, and the northermost third of the same, situated in the first twelve lots of the aforesaid new division called the "First Tier"; and those westernmost lots called lots Nos. 7 and 9, in the said Patent of New Paltz, in the new division of twelve lots called the division over the Great Meadow, lying between the new division called the "Second Tier" and the old division on the west branch of Hudsons River, which were released to me by Noah Eltinge, Abraham Donaldson, Johannis Rosecrans, Jr., and Margaret his wife by deed dated February 13, 1767, all the above to my said son, Roolof Josias, provided he pay £600 in manner following: to my son Solomon, £25, within one year of my decease; to my son Abraham, £25, within two years of my decease; to my son Cornelius, £175, within three years of my decease; to my daughter Catharyntje, £325, within six years of my decease. I give to my son Solomon, lot No. 7 in the said Patent of New Paltz, in the second twelve lots or north division on the west branch of Hudson's River, and the southermost moiety of lot No. 4 in the second twelve lots as above. To my son Cornelius, lot No. 11 in the said Patent in the first twelve lots or South division on the west bank of the Hudson; Also lot No. 1 in the

lot No. 4, called "Grand Pere's" lot, in the said first twelve lots; Also lot No. 1 in the lot No. 3 in the second twelve lots or north division on the west bank of the Hudson; and also part of lot No. 4 in said lot No. 3. To my daughter, Catharyntje Eltinge, all the lands I have in a tract in Ulster County granted to Noah Eltinge and Nathaniel Lefever by Patent dated May 12, 1748, beginning in a line of old trees, run from the Paltz point, etc., etc. To my son Roolof, that small lot No. 3 in the lot No. 5 in the first twelve lots of the new division, adjoining an old line of marked trees called "Graham's Line," the said lot No. 5 called "Grand Pere's" lot. To my son Cornelius, my negro boy Jack. To my daughter Catharyntje my negro girl Jin. The rest of my estate to my said five children, equally. I make my said five children executors.

Witnesses, Jacob Hasbrouck, Jr., David Hasbrouck, both of New Paltz, farmers; Joseph Coddington. Proved, Ulster County, May 19, 1784. Confirmed, New York, June 3, 1784.

Page 32.—Dutchess County in the State of New York, this 22nd day of January, 1784. I, SIMEON LOSEE, of Charlotte Precinct, in the said County, being weak in body. I leave to my dear wife Meriam, in lieu of her dower, the furniture she brought me before marriage and £60. To my son James, one sorrel yearland colt, four sheep, and £50. To my son Nathaniel, £10. To my daughter Sarah, £10. To be paid when they respectively arrive at lawful age or at marriage. The rest of my estate to my son James, and daughters, Sarah Losee, Phebe Losee, Anna Losee, and my son Nathaniel, and the child my wife is now pregnant with, equally divided. It is my will that all my children be brought up out of my estate, and that the whole of my estate, real and personal, be sold. I make my loving brother, James Losee, my friend, Jesse Oakley, executors.

Witnesses, John Platt, of Dutchess County, farmer;

James Pettet, Elizabeth Golden. Proved, Dutchess County, June 19, 1784. Confirmed, New York, June 23, 1784.

Page 33.—In the name of God, Amen. This 26th day of July, 1782. I, THOMAS MESICK, of Claverick, Albany County, yeoman, being very sick and weak. I leave to my eldest son, Hendrick, one horse which he may chuse for his birthright. To two of my sons, namely, Fite and Johannis, all my real estate whereon I now dwell, with the buildings and orchards, equally divided, possessed and enjoyed, on condition that they pay to each of my daughters, namely, Catharina, Rosiena, Mary and Elizabeth, £30, all to be paid within four years after my decease and the decease of my wife, Mary. My will is that my two said sons shall pay the said sum to each of said daughters jointly and not that each shall pay the said sum to each. To my said sons, Fite and Johannis, my farming tools. To my beloved wife, Mary, for life the choice of all my beds and bedding as much as she thinks fit, and the choice of my negro wenches, and after her death the above to be divided between my said four daughters. My wife to have the use of my real estate as long as she is my widow. My daughter Rosiena shall have the liberty to dwell in my house with my said two sons, and to be in the family as she now dwells with me as long as she remains a widow if she "chuseses"; to her also £10 in lieu of the goods which two of my daughters have had of her towards an outset. To my daughter Mary, £3, for to make up her outset. To my daughter Elizabeth, £25, to make up her outset. The remainder of my personal estate to be divided between my wife Mary and all my children, namely: Hendrick, Fite, Johannis, Thomas, Catharina, Rosiena, Mary and Elizabeth. I make my two sons, Fite and Johannis, executors.

Witnesses, Dirick Van Der Kar, farmer; Abraham Brower, farmer; David Brower. Proved, Albany

County, November 7, 1783. Confirmed, New York, June 23, 1784.

Page 35.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PETRUS LANGENDYCK, of the Platte Kill in the town of Kingston, Ulster County, yeoman, being weak of body, do this 5th day of October, 1775, make my last will. I give to my beloved wife Catherine the full and absolute use of my houses, messuages, lands, etc., in Kingston, and all other estate during the time she remains my widow and no longer. After her remarriage or death to my eldest son, Cornelius, one of my best horses, saddle and bridle; and to my youngest son Petrus one other of my best horses, saddle and bridle; and to my daughter Maria one of my best milch cows; Also to my said sons and daughter all my estate in Kingston, etc., equally divided. To my sister-in-law's daughter, Annatje, who now lives with me, the privilege to live with my wife and to be maintained out of my estate until she happens to marry and then my executors to give her one good milch cow, a good sheep, and to provide for her a marriage suit with a good decent outset, to wit: a good bed, bedstead and furniture thereto, two iron pots, one half dozen pewter plates and half dozen pewter spoons, dishes, and other household furniture. I give to my three children, Cornelius, Petrus and Maria (after the death or marriage of my wife) the rest of my estate. If my wife shall now be pregnant with a child or children, such shall share equally in my estate with my above children. I make my beloved wife Catharine, executrix, and my brother-in-law, Christian Valkenburgh, executor.

Witnesses, Petrus A. Winne, Arent Winne, of Saugerties, farmer; Christ^r Tappen, of Kingston, Esquire. Proved, May 24, 1784. Confirmed, June 23, 1784.

Page 37.—The following will was written in Dutch. Translated an abstract is as follows: In the name of God, Amen. Oct. 22, 1765. I, ABRAHAM WITBEECK,

of the Manor of Renselaerswyck, Albany Co., N. Y., being sick of body but fully enjoying my understanding and memory, leave to my son, Harpert Witbeeck, as right of primogeniture, my silver can. To my worthy wife, Annatje Witbeeck, I bequeath during her life a decent income to maintain her. The property, as the testator at present owns it is to be enjoyed in common, "during my above said wife's life and no longer." I leave to my two sons, Harpert Witbeeck and Johannis Witbeeck, the entire estate or farm as the same is now owned or used, besides the woodland granted to me by the Lord Patroon, for which I have not as yet a deed, tho the same has been entered in his [the Patroon's] book. All situated in the Manor of Renselaerswyck, alongside the Hudson River, south of the City of Albany, partly opposite the northern portion of Papsknees Island, Albany Co., Prov. of N. Y. "All which I bequeath and give with the farming implements which I now possess and belong to it to Harpert and Johannis Witbeeck, under condition that my said two sons, Harpert Witbeeck and Johannes Witbeeck, their heirs or assigns shall pay for the same the amount of £200 current money of this Province, viz.: six years after my wife's death £100 current money of this province to my daughter Marretje, and to her heirs or assigns, the other £100 current money of this province to my daughter, Catharina Witbeeck, her heirs or assigns. Further, my above two sons shall be obliged according to my directions to give to my three afternamed daughters when they shall happen to marry to each of them a reasonable dower, viz.: to Marretje, Catharina and Geertruy Witbeeck. I further bequeath to my youngest son, Abraham Witbeeck, his heirs or assigns, my house and lot situated in the 3d ward of Albany in the northern portion of said city and ward. The lot is bound as follows: to the East the house and lot of Elbert Gerritse, deceased, to the West the house and lot of Jacob Witbeeck, dec^d., to the South the street. Under the following condi-

tions: my said son, Abraham Witbeeck, his heir or assigns are to pay for the same the amount of £100 current money of N. Y. to my youngest daughter, Gertruy Witbeeck, her heirs or assigns, six years after my wife's death. Further, I give and bequeath to my 6 children, Harpert, Johannis, Abraham, Marretje, Catharina and Geertruy Witbeeck, the entire remainder of my estate personal as well as real estate, nothing accepted, to be equally divided between them or their heirs." Appoints my two sons, Harpert and Johannis Witbeeck, executors.

ABRAHAM WITBEECK.

Witnesses, Abraham Witbeeck, Jacobus Cool, Gerrit Van Den Bergh. Proved, May 17, 1784.

Page 40.—In the name of God, Amen. I, FREDERICUS MAZELIUS, of Orangetown, Orange County, New York, being sick and weak. I leave to my trusty and well-beloved friend, Doctor Gardner Jones, and Joost Mabee, all my estate, real and personal, which I have in America, Europe or elsewhere, equally divided; whom I likewise make my executors.

Dated March 7, 1782. Witnesses, Cornelius C. Roosevelt, of New York City, merchant; Joseph With-ton, Anthony Polishie. Proved, June 25, 1784.

Page 41.—In the name of God, I, ANDREW TRUMPOVER, waggon maker, of the County of Ulster, Precinct of Montgomery, tho, weak in body yet of a sound understanding. I leave to my dear wife Elisabeth one of the rooms furnished with two feather beds, two cows, a mare, and £15, with good and sufficient maintenance off the estate. To my daughter Elizabeth, wife to Malice Clearwater, my land estate, and I charge her with the payment of my debts and funeral charges; and as my negro man is not yet paid for, if not sold before my death, my said daughter may sell him; and for my young children, Shusanah, Mary and Cathren, and Andrew my son, I desire they may be

“keep” on the farm till of age, and “get edecation to read the scripturs” and my son to write and “sipher,” and if these three girls stay till of age they to have the same freedom as if bound out to others, which is to give them every one a good “shute of cloaths,” besides their wearing apparel, a cow and “little weel.” To my son Andrew, £40, when of age. To my wife, two sheep. To my daughter Elizabeth, my waggon and plough. To my son Peter, that improvement where he now lives which I bought him, and what else he has had of me. To my son Nicholas, the sorrel horse and the iron bound “slea” (sleigh). That no dispute should be about my land I give it to my daughter Elizabeth. To my daughters, Margret, Crislin, Shusongh, Mary and Cathren, to every one of them a young “hepher.” My waggon tools to Peter and Nicholas. And the rest of my moveables to be equally divided between my wife and all my children. As for the crop on the ground, Nicholas to have one third, and the rest to my wife and the four young children. I make Stufel Movl and Henry Cranss, executors.

Dated December 29, 1783. Witnesses, Jacob Newkirk, Adam Newkirk, both of Montgomery Precinct, farmers; William Steuart. Proved, Ulster County, June 4, 1784. Confirmed, New York, June 28, 1784.

Page 43.—The following will was written in Dutch. Translated an extract is as follows: July 8, 1769, SAMUEL MOWRIS, of Marble town, Ulster Co., N. Y. In good health. My oldest son, Samuel Mowris, is to receive and have the 50 acres of land situated to the northwest of the Esopus Kill at Marbletown, bounded by the land now possessed by Jacob Roosa and Benjamin Akeley. My son, Henry Mowris and my son Petrus Mowris, the house, barn, hayracks, orchards, land, clear and uncleared, now occupied by me at Marbletown, being about 300 acres. I also give to my said sons, Henry and Petrus Mowris, all my personal estate of whatever nature or species (excepting what

shall hereafter be given or bequeathed), but under condition that my said sons, Henry and Petrus Mowris, shall pay all my lawful debts and that none of my other children shall be burdened with any of them, and that they shall give my dear wife Geesje, a decent and christian sustenance. I also give to my son Daniel, the house, barn, orchard and land between the Esopus Kil and the King's highway which leads from Kingston to Rochester and so on, bounding and situated between the land of Andries Joh^s DeWitt and Freederick Davis. And further a parcel of low land situated between the land now possessed by Jacob DeLametter, Capt. Stephen Nothingham and Frederick Davis and the Esopus Kill. Both these parcels of land with everything belonging to them are situated under Marbletown. To my dear wife Geesje, all her clothing and also a reasonable and christian maintenance during her widowhood, which maintenance must be paid to her from the portions of my estate left to my sons, Henry and Petrus Mowris. To my stepdaughter, Arjaentje Oosterhout, a child of my wife Geesje, by a former marriage, I bequeath the amount of £5, N. Y. money, a milch cow and a feather bed, the choice of my feather beds—a pillow and two cushions, a green rug, two "combaers" and two sheets and the wooden frame of the bedstead, and after the demise of my wife—her mother—all her clothes and all the furniture she brought with her when I married her. Executors: sons, Henry Mowris, Petrus Mowris, and friend, Willem Eltinge.

SAMUEL MAURUS.

Witnesses, Hendr Sleght, S. Hasbrouck, Jr., Hendr I. Sleght. Proved, June 12, 1784.

Page 45.—In the name of God, Amen. I, STEPHEN NOTTINGHAM, Esq^r, being weak in body, do this 2nd day of September, 1776, make my last will. I leave to my true and loving wife Nealtje, all my lands and tenements, as also all my personal estate. I make my

good friends, John Cantine and William Pick, Esq^r, executors.

Witnesses, Jacob K. Keatter (Keeler in proof), of Marbletown, Ulster County, farmer; Fradrick Markle, of same place, weaver; Frederick F. Markle. Proved, Ulster County, August 25, 1778. Administration granted on the above will to Henry Brodhead, of Marbletown, Ulster County, blacksmith, a nephew of Stephen Nottingham of the same place, Esquire, as the executors relinquished the executorship by an instrument dated November 26, 1779, New York, June 28, 1784.

Page 46.—This 12th day of October, 1775. In the name of God, Amen. GASHAM BUSHUP, of Philips Burrough, Westchester County, being infirm of body. I leave to my loving wife Mathew, the interest of the sum of £250 during her lifetime. To my loving daughter, Sarah Bowne, £30. To my loving son, Noah Bush, £30. All the rest of my estate to be equally divided among my three dafters, Sarah, Ame and Abigal. I ordain my son, Noah Bushup, and my trusty friend, Elisha Barten, Jr., executors.

Witnesses, Elisha Barton, tailor, Isaac Smith, of Phillips Manor, yeoman; Elisha Barton, Jr. Proved, Westchester County, June 23, 1784.

Page 48.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN STORM, of Phillipsburgh, Westchester County, being weak in body, do this 15th day of May, 1771, make my last will. I leave to my son Abraham, the bond for which I was security for him I having discharged it, and my wearing clothes to my sons, James and Henry. To my beloved wife Mary all that she brought with her, likewise a feather bed and its furniture and curtains, and a horse and saddle, likewise all the linen except what is made use of in the family, and one half of the remainder of my moveable estate except the farm which I now have on the Manor of Phillipsburgh.

To my sons, Gregory and Thomas, my said farm, equally divided, each of them paying the rent of it equally, reserving for the use of my wife one room in the dwelling house for her for life or while my widow. The rest of my moveable estate to my son Thomas. I make my beloved wife Mary and my son Thomas, executors.

Witnesses, Mary Miller, William Miller, Daniel Miller, of Phillips Manor, weaver. Proved, Westchester County, June 24, 1784.

Page 49.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SOLOMON DAVIS, of the township of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, being in perfect health of body, and having my usual understanding and discernment. I leave to Jane, the daughter of Jane Wallace, late Jane Crawford (which said Jane, daughter of the said Jane Wallace, now lives with me) £500, to be paid her when she arrives at the age of eighteen or at her marriage. The rest of my estate to my beloved niece, Elizabeth Davis, daughter of my brother, Samuel Davis. I nominate John Aspinwall, of the City of New York, merchant, Selah Strong, of the township of Brookhaven, Esqr, and my said niece, Elizabeth Davis, executors, and I order them to sell all my estate as soon as conveniently may be after my decease, and out of the monies therefrom to place out at interest on land security the said legacy of £500 given to the said Jane, and that they apply the interest toward the support and education of the said Jane till she arrives at the age of eighteen or day of marriage, but in case she die before them the said sum shall go to my said niece, Elizabeth Davis.

Dated August 12, 1772. Witnesses, John Woodhull, Caleb Woodhull, Merritt Woodhull, yeoman. Proved, Suffolk County, March 30, 1784. Confirmed, New York, June 30, 1784.

Page 50.—This is the last will and testament of me PASCHALL NELSON, late of Boston in New England,

now residing in the Parish of Saint Margaret's, Westminster, in the County of Middlesex, Esquire. I leave to my nephew, John Nelson, of Portsmouth in New Hampshire, New England, merchant, all my lands on the river Kenebec, in the Province of Massachusetts Bay, he conveying thereout to the children of my sister Lloyd, one seventh thereof, one other seventh to the children of my sister Hubbard, they first paying to my said nephew their several proportions of the expenses which I have been at in the settlement and protection of the said lands. And as to my lands in the Mowhawk County in New York Government I give 1,000 acres thereof to John Temple, late of Boston, now residing in London, England, Esquire; 500 acres thereof to John Lloyd, of Stampford, Connecticut, merchant; 500 acres to Nathaniel Hubbard, of Stampford, Esquire, and 500 acres to Paschall Smith, of Stampford, son of the late William Smith of the same place; the papers relating to these last mentioned lands are in the hands of the Hon. James De Lancy, of New York, Esquire. All the rest of my estate, real and personal, to my two nephews, the said John Temple and John Nelson, whom I appoint executors.

Dated July 19, 1759. Witnesses, Jn^o Dagge, Richmond buildings, Soho (in proof called "late of Richmond Buildings, Soho, but now of Bloomsbury Square, Parish of St. George, Bloomsbury, Middlesex County, Gentleman"), John Hudson, Peruke maker, Charles Street, Westminster (in proof, late of Charles Street "but now of Kings Street in the Parish of St. Margaret, Westminster"), Jane Smith. Proved, September 17 or 19, 1760, London, before the worshipful Arthur Collin, Surrogate, Prerogative Court of Canterbury. Registered, November 13, 1784, New York.

Page 52.—In the name of God, Amen. I, STEPHEN TERHUNE, of the Precinct of New Barbadoes, Bergen County, New Jersey, being weak in body, do this 16th

day of September, 1779, make my last will. I leave the whole of my real estate consisting of a house and lot of land lying in the City of New York in a street commonly called Crown Street, and also a lot of land in the township of Besoklynon, Nassau or Long Island, to my beloved wife Letitia, to be let, leased or sold at her pleasure, for the support of my children until the youngest shall arrive at the age of twenty-one. I order that all my real estate unsold after my youngest child shall be twenty-one, shall be sold at Public sale, and one third of the amount of the sale be paid to my wife, and the remainder equally divided among all my children. To my wife, one bed and bedding with the curtains and furniture thereto complete. The rest of my personal estate after payment of my debts and funeral charges to my wife for the support of herself and my children. I make my beloved wife, Letitia Terhune, my dear brother, Roelef Terhune, and my good friends, Isaac Huysman and Abraham J. Huysman, executors.

Witnesses, Samuel Verbryck, Bernardus Verbryck, of Bergen County, yeoman; Peter Wilson. New York, May 21, 1784. Administration granted to John Byvanck, of the City of New York, merchant, a principal creditor of Stephen Terhune of the same place, printer, deceased; whereas Letitia Terhune, Roelof Terhune and Abraham J. Huysman, the surviving executors, did relinquish the executorship by two papers May 25th last and June 25th last, New York, July 1, 1784.

Page 54.—I, HENRY BEEKMAN, of the City of New York, enjoying my usual share of understanding tho' in a very advanced age, and duly considering the importance of a proper disposition of my temporal estate, do declare this to be my last will and testament. I would have it understood that the main objects of my will are first to provide for my wife a decent support as my widow, secondly to testify my affection for

my daughter Livingston, and thirdly consistent with the confidence I have in her to prevent my estate on the contingency of her decease from passing to any other than her descendants, which design I persuade myself, Mr. Livingston, my son-in-law, whom I tenderly love, will as he has fair prospects from his own father heartily approve of as just and natural. First, therefore, let it be remembered that the five lots in an angle of Beekman and Cliff Streets in this City, which I engaged in an ante nuptial contract between me and my wife and Philip Van Cortland, deceased, to devise to her, are sold with her consent to Trinity Church Corporation, and the proceeds have been laid out for her use and in improving her separate real estate on the west side of Beekman's slip, and I further declare that my wife shall not be accountable for any expenditure of mine in improving the same. I give to my said wife the use of my negro Robin and his brother Sam, and such other two of my slaves as she shall choose, with the use of my chariot horses, the chariot and chaise, and all my wrought plate and furniture during her life; such part of my household furniture as she brought at marriage I give her absolutely, and also such bonds and the money due thereon, as shall have a memorandum under my hand written on the same purporting my gift thereof to her for her sole use. I also give her absolutely the gold and silver coin she has collected and holds the separate possession of. I devise to her, in fulfillment of the ante-nuptial contract, my dwelling house and the lot thereto during her life, and for life £200 annually, the first payment to commence one year after my decease; and during life the privilege of residing at my house at Rhinebeck six months in the year, and liberty to take the fruit of ten apple trees in that seat every fall. To my godson Henry, the son of William Beekman, Jr., £50. My farm whereon I now live and my mills I leave to my daughter and her husband, Robert R. Livingston, during their lives. All the rest of my estate,

real and personal, I devise as hereinafter mentioned, more particularly explained to my daughter Livingston, as a testimony of the great affection I have for her, and had for her mother, who was a woman of the most amiable temper and of singular virtue, prudence and piety, meaning that her personal estate shall be absolutely at her disposal, and that she shall be tenant in fee simple of such of my real estate as is not in Dutchess County, but of my estate there she shall be only tenant for life, and take the rents and profits thereof, and this in addition to the ample fortune which her husband has and may expect, cannot fail to be an honorable provision for my said daughter. For her children and to preserve their dependence upon their parents which for many reasons appears to me wise, I authorize my daughter and her husband to convey my lands whereof she is hereby made tenant for life or any portions thereof to all or any of her children on such terms as they may think proper. If any part of the said lands at her death remain unconveyed I devise what shall remain to all the children of my said daughter equally divided, if any of them be then dead and have left issue such issue to take the share that would have belonged to their father or mother. I constitute my wife Gertruyd, my son-in-law, Robert R. Livingston, and my daughter, Margret Livingston, and my friend, William Smith, of New York, executors; and I authorize them to manumit my negro Robin and his brother Sam, and to pay their indemnity to give them the full benefit of their freedom after the decease of my wife, or sooner, if she consent.

Dated October 23, 1775. The testator having in a great degree lost his sight declared that the above will had been frequently read to him by John White, Jr., one of the witnesses. Witnesses, John White, Jr., Johannes Georg, miller, John Hause. Proved, June 4, 1784, when Margret Livingston, an executrix, personally appeared at the Court of Probates and swore the above to be the will of Henry Beekman.

Page 57.—I, ROBERT R. LIVINGSTON, being in health of body and calling to mind the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time when it shall please God to call me hence, and being this day to set out on a journey in which if any unforeseen event should befall me I may not have an opportunity to make such disposition of those worldly goods which it has pleased God to bestow on me as I think justice requires, do declare this my last will, making my dear wife my sole executrix and desiring her after committing my body to the earth in the most frugal manner to pay my just debts. I bequeath her all my real and personal estate, leaving my dear children to her care. I can make no other provision for them at present because I think this best for them and most suitable to my circumstances, therefore leaving them with the most sincere regard for their eternal and temporal welfare I sign this the 3rd day of February, 1766.

Witnesses, Wat. Du Bois, Jr., Robert R. Livingston, Jr., John Skinenton.

Codicil. It having pleased God to make a considerable addition to my real estate since I made the above will, I republish it this 15th day of January, 1773, with this sole alteration that the house and farm at Claremont shall be my wife's only during her life after which it is to go to my heir as the law directs.

Witnesses to Codicil, Young Ferol, Margret Hill, Wilhelmus Post. Proved, June 4, 1784, when Margaret Livingston, the executrix, swore to the above will and Codicil.

Page 58.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ELIAS DESBROSSES, of the City of New York, merchant, being of good health of body. I leave to my loving brother, James Desbrosses, all the lands I own in the Herdenbergh Patent. To my loving sisters, Magdalen and Elizabeth Desbrosses, the lot, house and store fronting King, Queen and Dock Streets, which I bought of the heirs of Cornelius V. Horne, with all

the Plate and household furniture during their lives, and afterwards to my niece, Mary Ann Desbrosses. To my nephew, James Desbrosses, the lot and house fronting Queen and Dock Streets, which I bought of Piere G. Depyster. I give £1000 to the Rector and Inhabitants of New York in communion of the Church of England as by law established, in trust, to be placed at Interest by the vestry for the maintenance of a French "Clergiman" who shall perform divine service in the French language in this City according to the "liturgie" of the Church of England, and should it be any considerable time before such establishment is effected then the interest shall become principal for the same use. To the Rector, etc., as above, £500 to be laid out for the clothing and educating of the poor children of Trinity Church School in this City. To Mrs. Charlotte Favieres, £20 per annum for life. To the widow Cazal, £10 per annum for life. To my brother James, my sisters, Magdalen and Elizabeth, my nephew James, and my niece, Mary Ann Desbrosses, the residue of my estate divided into five equal shares, and I nominate them my executors.

Dated June (blank), 1773. Witnesses, Adrian Renaudet, Smith Richards, of New York, grocer; Stephen Randall. Proved, July 2, 1784; and administration granted to James Desbrosses, nephew of the deceased.

Page 60.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN CRUGER, of the City of New York, Esq^r, being at this time in good health. I leave all my estate to my beloved children by name: Anne, Henry, John, Sarah, Mary and Rachel Cruger, equally divided. I nominate my said children executors.

Dated New York, September 4, 1742. Witnesses, Jn^o Chambers, Rich'd Nicholls, John Van Cortlandt, of New York City, Esquire. Proved, New York, July 3, 1784, administration granted to John Cruger, an executor, the same date.

Page 61.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ABRAHAM BOCKEE, of Amenia Precinct, Dutchess County, being in good health, do this 11th day of January, 1769, make my last will. I leave to my loving wife Maria, the rents and profits of my whole estate, real and personal (except what shall be herein particularly disposed of) until my son Jacob arrive at the age of twenty-one, the better to enable him to bring up and support the expense of my said son's education, and from the time he is of age my wife then to have only one third of the said profits. To my wife also a negro woman named Grace, and my household furniture during her life, and then the said wench (if living) to remain to my son Jacob, and the furniture to be equally divided between my daughters, Maria Salkeld, Annitie Bockee, and my son Jacob. To my daughter, Maria Salkeld (to commence at my son's lawful age), half of that lot or farm of Enogh Brigs and Robert Willbore in Charlotte Precinct, Dutchess County, being part of lot No. 27 in the second division of the Great Nine Partners Patent, the same to my said daughter and her heirs forever, except that she shall not have any power to sell "during the time of her present coverture and she become a feme sole." To my daughter, Annitie Bockee, the other half of the said lot, her right to begin at the above time, also one negro girl named Pamilla, also six silver spoons, also in case she marry before a division be made \$40 to buy her an outset. To my son Jacob, when of age, that farm whereon I now live, containing 552 acres lying in Amenia Precinct; Also the negro slaves, Low, David, Hester; two children, Tom and Simon, and if any of the negro children die, then the girl Lidia shall supply the place thereof, provided always that if the negro men or woman shall misbehave themselves before my son comes of age, my executors shall have power to sell the same, and lay out the money for others if necessary, or put it at interest for my son's use. To my said son my farming utensils, wearing apparel,

armory and law books. My executors can sell the following lots, as may be necessary to pay my debts, viz.: a lot in the first water lot in first division, a lot in lot No. 16 in tenure of Will^m Irish and Palmer in second division, and a lot No. 7 in ye third division of the great Nine Partners, and the overplus, if any, with my stock of creatures equally divided between my three children. I make my wife, my daughter Annitie, and my son Jacob, executors.

Witnesses, Thomas Fish, Joshua Fish, of Amenia Precinct, yeoman; Elijah Browning, John Fish.

Codicil. I, ABRAHAM BOCKE, being weak in body. I empower my executors to sell my lands in lot No. 27 in the second division of the Great Nine Partners, and apply the money therefrom as I have ordered the moneys to be applied arising from the sale of the other lands.

Dated January 19, 1776. Witnesses to Codicil, Thomas Fish, Isaac Smith, of Dutchess County, Esquire; Matthias Burnet Miller, of New York City, physician. Proved, New York, May 18, 1784. Administration granted to Jacob Bockee, July 6, 1784.

Page 64.—Following will written in Dutch. Translated extracts. May 10, 1764. DIRREK VAN VEGTE, on the Flats in Lonenburg, Albany Co. Healthy. To oldest son, Teunis Van Vegte, the choice from among my house for his primogeniture. To my wife Helena, entire estate for her life and no longer. To my son Teunis, the Bowery where he lives at present as in the map made by Clinton, lot No. 77; if he die without heirs the same to go to my nephew, Dirreck Van Vegte, son of my son Hubartus; to my son Teunis, one half of the lot in the Beregat, being in the above said map No. 72; Also to my son Hubartis and his heirs, the other half of the lot in the Beregat, lot No. 72, and in case my son Teunis has no heirs, the same to my son Hubartis or his heirs. My Bowery where I live after my wife's death to my daughter Jannetie Van Vegte;

my said daughter or her heirs are to pay to my daughter Sarah, wife of Isaac Kalier, or their heirs, and to my daughter Eve, wife of Abraham Van Valkenberg, or heir, to each £50, each one half one year after the death of the survivor of myself or my wife; the other half two years after the death of the said survivor. To my daughter Maria, wife of Nicholas Spoor, and her heirs, my five acres in the Beregats valley, marked on map of Patent of Lonenburgh by Charles Clinton, as part of lot No. 24. To my sons, Teunis and Hubartus, and my daughters, Catarina, wife of Lambert Van Valkenburg; Maria, wife of Nicholas Spoor, and Janetie, all my share in the woodland still in common with the Hallenbecks and Isaac Corlean and myself in the same Patent. Also my share in the new Patent Stigkock at the mountains west of the Patent of Lonenburgh, equally. Also they shall use the same as far as they need without being prevented by the others, till the time when it shall be deemed advisable to divide it. To all my said children my personal estate equally. My son Teunis and daughters, Catarina, Sara and Eve, shall be charged for the black slave they have received according to value. To Teunis and Hubartus my clothes, woolen and linen. To my five said daughters the clothes of my wife. Executors: my son Hubartus, sons-in-law, Lambert Van Valkenburg and Nicholas Spoor. Witnesses, John Ten Broeck, Martin Lydius, Jacob Roseboom, John H. Lydius. Proved, June 16, 1784.

Page 67.—In the name of God, Amen. I, NATHANIEL RAY, of George Town in the County of Frederick and Province of Maryland, "Taylor," but at present (by the fortune of war) residing in the City of New York, being sick and low in body, and not knowing whether it will please God ever to return me in safety to my own habitation and likewise considering the many accidents that may happen to this mortal body, am induced to make this my last will and testament. I leave

to my loving brother, William Ray, that tract of land in the County of Frederick, Maryland, commonly called by the names of the two brothers, containing 200 acres, which tract I got from my father by deed of gift, which deed remains in his, my said father's hands, the butts and bounds of which by reference to the said deed may fully appear. To my said brother my negro wench called Jude, with her child, and my negro man called Ned. To Melines Conkling, of New York City, Taylor, that tract of land in Frederick adjoining the tract called the Cold Springs which I got from my father. To Ann Owen, my horse called Derby. To my brother William and Ann Owen all other my moveables and effects equally divided. I appoint Melines Conklin sole executor.

Dated January (blank), 1777. Witnesses, Robert Smith, Lewis Boudinot, Jane Conklin. Proved, New York, July 7, 1784, when Elizabeth Dun, of N. Y. City, spinster, swore she saw Nathaniel Ray sign the above will.

Page 68.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CHARLES JANDINE, of Staten Island, Richmond County. I leave to my five daughters all my whole estate, real and personal, such as lands, houses, household goods, wearing apparel, plate, jewels, etc., to my five daughters, to wit: Susanah Jandine, Cathrine Lamb, Mary Lamb, Hanah Lawrence and Martha Allicocke, equally divided, and to my two granddaughters, Catherine Davis and Sally Davis, I bequeath them their full mother's share. I nominate Joseph Allicocke and William Smith, one of his Majesty's Council of New York, my executors.

Dated September 22, 1779. Witnesses, Daniel Crocheron, Moses Clendenney, Benjamin Cole. Proved, March 21, 1780. Administration granted to James Lamb, of the City of New York, mariner, who intermarried with Mary a daughter and one of the residuary legatees of Charles Jandine, late of Richmond

County, gentleman, deceased, whereas administration was granted to Joseph Allicocke, one of the executors whereas he has since departed this State, the estate not being fully administered, and whereas William Smith, the other executor, is likewise absent from this State, administration is hereby granted to the above. New York, July 9, 1784.

Page 70.—In the name of God, Amen. I, LEONARD VAN KLEECK, of Poghkeepsie Precinct, Dutchess County, Esq., being sick and weak this 18th day of July, 1783. I leave to my two grandchildren, John Van Kleeck and Annatije Van Kleeck, £200, that is £100 to each, on condition that they upon receiving the said money shall pay yearly £14 a year to my mother-in-law, Hannah Ten Bruck, during her life towards the discharge of a bond she hath against me for the yearly payment of £15 for the said term of her life. To my eldest son, Lawrence, £535, and to my son Leonard, £525. To my two daughters, Sarah and Gertrude, each £500. To my said four children the further sum of £1,000 equally divided. The legacies to my said children shall be paid them severally as soon as they are twenty-one or at their marriage days, and the said legacies till then to be put out at interest and the interest to be paid to my beloved wife Janetije in order the better to enable her to bring up and educate my children. Also to my wife my negro man slave, called Bob, and £100, in lieu of her right of her dower or third of my estate. The rest of my estate I devise as follows: one fifth each to my son Lawrence, to my second son, Leonard, to my daughter Sarah, to my daughter Gertrude, and one fifth to my two grandchildren above named. I nominate my wife and my loving friends, John Davis, John Cooke, Myndert Van Kleeck and John P. Van Kleeck, executors.

Witnesses, Teunis Tappen, Peter B. Van Kleeck, Robert Noxon, all of Poghkeepsie Precinct, gentlemen, and Richard Snediker. Proved, Dutchess

County, October 17, 1783. Confirmed, New York, July 9, 1784.

Page 72.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN WYCKOFF, of the City of New York. Whereas I have lately made a contract of sale with Hendrick Wyckoff, of the New Lotts in the township of Flat Bush, Kings County, agreeable to which I have sold him all my real estate at New Lotts for £1,275, except a piece of land, lately woodland adjoining the lands of Garret Boerum, and another piece of meadow land adjoining the lands of Daniel Rapalje, on which bargain I have received £200 and have not executed any conveyance to the said Hendrick Wyckoff, I do therefore order my executors on the receipt of £1,075 to give him such a deed of conveyance. I leave to my beloved wife the choice of one of my beds, with furniture thereto, and all my linens, in consideration of her bringing up my two daughters. To my daughters, Anne and Sophia, each, one of my beds. To my sons, Hendrick and Albert, as much money as my executors shall judge the beds bequeathed to my daughters are worth. All the rest of my estate to my wife, my sons, Hendrick and Albert, and my daughters Anne and Sophia, equally divided. My executors to sell my real estate as they shall judge most to the advantage of my wife and children, and all my personal estate (except that already bequeathed) one year after my decease, my wife having the use of my household furniture till then, and to put out the monies for my children's share at interest till they are of age or till my daughters marry. I appoint my wife, my nephew Hendrick Wyckoff, my beloved friends, William Boerum, Esq., and Jacob Sharpe, Jr., executors.

Dated April 13, 1784. Witnesses, Archibald Currie, Abraham Brinckerhoff, David Currie, the two last of New York City, merchants. Proved, New York, July 13, 1784. The administration shows that the name of the wife of the above John Wyckoff was Mary.

Page 74.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PHEBE PARSONS, of Easthampton, Suffolk County, being very sick. I leave to my daughter Phebe, one gold ring; to my granddaughter Phebe, my negro girl Sarah, my black taffety gown, sattin cloke and my “pompodore” gown; to my granddaughter Elizabeth my “gold beads.” To my beloved cousin, Lucretia Wickham, £10 in cash. To my daughter, Mary Osborn, the remainder of my estate, viz.: the whole of my cash, my house, lot, goods, plate, etc., the remainder of my clothes, the “noat” that I have against Jeremiah, also my negroes, namely, Jack, Violet and the negro child. I nominate my friend, Stephen Hodges, and my son, Jeremiah Osborn, my executors.

Dated May 17, 1781. Witnesses, Thomas Talmage, yeoman; Thomas Osborn and John Stratton, yeoman. Proved, Suffolk County, May 19, 1784. Confirmed, New York, July 13, 1784.

Page 75.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JONATHAN OSBORN, of East Hampton, Suffolk County, yeoman, calling to mind the mortality of my body how precarious and uncertain my life is do make this my last will. I leave my well-beloved wife Elizabeth, two of my best cows for milk, also two other fat cows, my household goods, two thirds of all the grain in the house or barn or on the ground, also two “fating and three store swine,” all my sheep, the west half of my house, and a third of my real estate as the law directs. To my son Joseph, my old roan mare, also a bond and note for £130, with a mortgage deed I have against my brother, David Osborn, and one third of all my grain. To my youngest son, Daniel, my house and barn and house lot, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, also one sixth of a share of Montauket, also my meddow at Nappeague, also my “shaw close,” also half my norwest woodland, and all my three mile harbour woodland, and half my woodland by Sag harbour road between Jeremiah Miller and

Ezekiel Mulford, also "my nowest close," and two acres of commonage. If my son Daniel should die without male issue his share to be equally divided between my four surviving sons, viz., Joseph, Jonathan, Henry and Samuel. It is my will that my wife and my two oldest sons, Joseph and Jonathan, should improve all the lands and meadows of my children under age, till they arrive at the age of twenty-one, the produce to bring up my three youngest children. All the remainder of my neat cattle to my four youngest sons, Jonathan, Henry, Samuel and Daniel. My five sons equally to pay my debts. My other three horse kind to my three youngest sons, according to their ages so let them divide the horses. The remainder of my estate to be divided between my sons Joseph, Jonathan, Henry and Samuel. I appoint my friend, Samuel Hutchinson, and my sons, Joseph and Jonathan Osborn, executors.

Dated East Hampton, November 11, 1781. Witnesses, William Huntting, Recompence Sherril, Jr., both yeomen; Samuel Hutchinson. Proved, Suffolk County, May 19, 1784. Confirmed, New York, July 13, 1784.

Page 77.—Southampton, March 29, 1783. I, NATHANIEL HERRICK, of the Town of Southampton, Suffolk County, being weak in body. I leave all my lands and moveables to my wife and children, as long as she remains my widow. In case my wife leaves the above said place she is entitled to £150. Likewise to my children, equally, all my land and moveables. I ordain my brother, Henry Herrick and Josiah Foster and my wife, executors.

Witnesses, Henry White, of Suffolk County, physician; Mehitable Raynor, John Fordham. Proved, Suffolk County, May 21, 1784. Confirmed, New York, July 14, 1784.

Page 78.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN PARSONS the fourth, of East Hampton, Suffolk County,

New York, yeoman, being indisposed in body. I leave to my beloved wife Phebe, the use of one third of all my lands, also the use of my now dwelling house during her life. Also all my household goods, my negro wench Violet, and my riding chair, and half the remainder of my moveable estate; the other half of said remainder I give to my two daughters, Phebe Hutchinson and Mary Parsons, equally divided, except my young bay mare which I give to my son-in-law, Samuel Hutchinson. To my daughter Phebe, my house lot and lot of land I bought of Benjamin Leek, both together containing eight acres, and my now dwelling house, barn and other buildings. To my daughter Mary my land on the south side of the road, nearly opposite my house, containing five acres. To my two said daughters all the remainder of my lands, meadows and rights of land, but in case my daughter, Mary Parsons, should die without issue all the above lands to her given to go to my daughter, Phebe Hutchinson. I constitute my wife, Phebe, my son-in-law, Samuel Hutchinson, and my daughter Mary, executors.

Dated October 21, 1775. Witnesses, Ezekiel Mulford, Lemuel Mulford, Isaac Schellinger. Proved, Suffolk County, May 19, 1784. Administration granted to Mary Osborn, formerly Mary Parsons, an executrix, New York, July 14, 1784.

Page 80.—In the name of God, Amen. I, STEPHEN FOSTER, of Southampton, Suffolk County, carpenter, being in health of body. I give to my son Jeremiah, half of my carpenters, coopers and joiners tools, also half of my farming tackling. To my son Stephen, that land I bought of George Herrick (except 16 acres off the south end) which lies at or near the place called Wickapogue, also one quarter of a Fifty of common-age from the east bounds of the town to Canoe place, also one quarter of a Fifty in the great south division in the lot No. 36, also one half of my carpenters and coopers and joiners tools. To my two daughters,

namely, Temperance and Hannah, five shillings each. To my four daughters, namely, Sarah, Jerusha, Phebe and Ruth, forty shillings each. To my loving wife, sixteen acres off the south end of the land mentioned above, also the use of half my dwelling house, barn and home lot so long as she remains my widow; Also the remainder of my estate, after my debts, funeral charges and legacies are paid, to dispose of as she pleases. I constitute my son, Jeremiah Foster, and my loving wife Sarah, executors.

Dated February 26, 1761. Witnesses, James Rogers, Obadiah Rogers, Jr., Stephen Rogers. Proved, Suffolk County, May 26, 1784. Administration granted to Sarah Foster, an executrix, New York, July 14, 1784.

Page 81.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SILVANUS WHITE, of Southampton, Suffolk County, Nassau Island, clergyman, being in health of body. I will that all debts or duties I owe in conscience or right be truly paid. I leave to my oldest son, Silvanus, my silver tankard after my wife's decease. To my daughter, Hannah White, widow of Edward White, £20. To my son Hezekiah, £25. To my daughter, Phebe Tiley, £25. To my son Silas, £25. To my son Ebenezer, £25. To my son Henry, my house, barn and all my lands in Southampton Township. To my granddaughter, Phebe White, daughter of Edward White, deceased, £15, and a bed and bed clothes. To my grandson, Daniel White, son of Daniel White, deceased, £10. To my well-beloved wife Phebe, the whole of my moveable estate not already disposed of in lieu of her dowry, also the whole of my lands in Southampton to be improved by her whilst my widow. I constitute my friend, Henry Herrick, my wife Phebe, and my son, Henry White, executors.

Dated May 3, 1782. Witnesses, Obadiah Rogers, Jr., David Sayre, joiner, and Timothy Bishop. Proved, Suffolk County, May 21, 1784. Confirmed, New York, July 15, 1784.

Page 83.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM JAGGER, of the Township of Easthampton, Suffolk County, marriner, being in perfect health. I leave to my loving wife Abigail, all my estate, real and personal, all debts due and demands that are or shall be due me at my decease, also my buildings and moveables, as long as she remains my widow. I make my wife sole executrix.

Dated July 25, 1775. Witnesses, Silvanus Wick, Joseph Gibbs, schoolmaster; Nancy Gadner (Gardiner). Proved, Suffolk County, May 19, 1784. Confirmed, New York, July 16, 1784.

Page 84.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ABRIHAM VERMILYA, of the Yonkers, Westchester County, yeoman. I leave to my beloved wife one third of my estate as long as she liveth. To my son John, £100, to be paid to him by my sons, Abraham and Edward, equal alike. To my daughter, Sarah Hustis, wife of Soloman Hustis, £100, to be paid by my sons, Abraham and Edward, equal alike. To my son William, £100 paid by my sons, Abriham and Edward. To my son Abriham, one half of the farm I now live on, with half my salt meadow at Kings Bridg, and half my moveable estate. To my son Edward, the other half of the above. My sons, Abraham and Edward, shall share alike of all my lands, buildings and moveables. I make my sons, John and Edward Vermilye, executors.

Dated February 15, 1782. Witnesses, Joel Mead, Frederick Vermilya, of Yonkers, yeoman, and William Betts. Proved, Westchester County, July 1, 1784. Confirmed, New York, July 20, 1784.

Page 85.—In the name of God, Amen. This 15th day of April, 1773. I, ALBERT OGDEN, of North Castle, Westchester County, being weak in body. I leave to my loving wife Phebe, the best bed and its furniture in my house and all my plate. I order my whole estate to be sold, excepting the bed and plate. To my brother

Jonathan, five shillings and no more. My debts and funeral charges to be paid and all the money arising from the sale of my lands and moveables I give to my wife, Phebe Ogden. I nominate my wife and my friend, Thomas Weeks, executors.

Witnesses, Elnathan Lyon, Israel Reynolds, of North Castle, blacksmith; David Dayton. Proved, Westchester County, July 6, 1784. Administration granted to Phebe Ogden, executrix, New York, July 20, 1784.

Page 87.—In the name of God, Amen. I, NICOLL HAVENS, of Shelter Island in the County of Suffolk and Government of New York, being weak of body. I leave to my indeared wife Desire, the use of my house that I formerly lived in with the buildings, gardens and orchard thereto adjoining with 200 acres of land, meadow and timber inclusive to be set off to her at my decease upon that side of the farm where the house stands; Also all the moveables she brought me, and the choice of any two of my negroes with an ample competency of provisions for herself and servants for one year, also £50 immediately on my decease; all of which is in lieu of her dower for her life or widowhood, but if she marries again then I earnestly request of her to accept of £450, besides the said £50, and thus to relinquish all demands upon the rest of my estate. To my beloved children, Jonathan Nicoll Havens, Esther Sarah Havens, Mary Catharine Havens, Catharine Mary Havens, Renslaer, Gloriana, Francis, Watson and Henrietta Havens, the remainder of my estate, real and personal, share and share alike, saving to my eldest son, Jonathan Nicoll, a double portion; Also that part of my farm, given to my wife, when she has done with it to be divided amongst my children. I ordain my wife Desire and my son Jonathan Nicoll Havens, executors, and constitute them guardians to my younger children till they shall arrive at proper ages to chuse for themselves.

Dated September 20, 1782. Witnesses, Mary Brown, "spinstress"; Hutchinson Davids, yeoman; Berret Havens, Hannah Havens. Proved, Suffolk County, June 6, 1784. Confirmed, New York, July 20, 1784.

Page 88.—I, THOMAS BETTS, of New Town, Queens County, yeoman, being all this time weak in body, think it dutifull to sett my house in order. I leave to Anthony Betts, son of William Betts, my brother, £10, to be paid him one year after my decease for his birth-right. To my well-beloved wife Sarah, whatsoever estate of any kind, goods, chattels, etc., did belong to her when I married her or she brought me after marriage; Also £100, with a privelege of the best room in this house I now live in, pasture for a cow and horse, and fodder for the same, fire wood for one fire, with a privilege of a small garden and of keeping fowls, geese, ducks or turkeys, the above privileges to be to her while my widow, the above estate and £100 to her forever. The remainder of my estate to Benjamin Betts, son of William Betts, my brother. I nominate my cousin, Benjamin Betts, and my wife Sarah, executors.

Dated May 23, 1773. Witnesses, Philip Edsall, yeoman; Jonathan Roberts, Peter Alburtus. Proved, Queens County, July 3, 1784. Administration granted to Benjamin Betts, an executor, July 21, 1784.

Page 90.—In the name of God, Amen, the 19th day of June, 1753. I, JACOB PIETERS VOSBURGH, of Kinderhook in Albany County, batchelor, being in good health. I leave unto my two brothers, Johannis and Isaac Vosburgh, all my real and personal estate and I make them executors.

Witnesses, Jacob Vosburgh, Bartholomevous P. Van Valkenburgh, of Claverick, cordwainer; Arent Van Dyck. Proved, Albany, N. Y., July 8, 1784. Confirmed, New York, July 22, 1784.



Page 91.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL KING, of Amenia, Dutchess County, being in health, do this 12th day of October, 1777, make my last will and testament. I leave to my son Samuel the lot of land he now lives on and ten acres lying in my house lot, at the southwest corner of my meadow west of my house, and one yoke of three year old steers. To my son Nathaniel, the rest of my lands. To my daughter Deborah, £60, out of my moveable estate. To my daughter Rebeckah, £100, to be paid by Nathaniel, my youngest son. To my dear wife Rebeckah, the rest of my moveables, and one third of my farm, so long as she remains my widow. I make my wife Rebeckah and Ephream Paine, Esqr, executors.

Witnesses, Robert Hebard, farmer; Jesse Pike. Proved, Dutchess County, July 17, 1784. Administration granted to John King, of Berkshire, Massachusetts Bay, a brother, and principal creditor of Samuel King, late of Amenia Precinct, Dutchess County, yeoman, deceased. Whereas Rebeckah King and Ephraim Paine, the executors of the above, did by an Instrument dated July 7, 1784, renounce the executorship, New York, July 22, 1784.

Page 92.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM ALWORTH, of Nobel Town, Albany County, being weak in body, this 5th of July, 1781, do make my last will and testament. I order all my debts to be paid and the rest of my lands, goods, and personal estate to be equally divided, one half I give to my loving sister, Sarah Alworth, and the other to my son Thomas. I make my good friends, Seth Pettet, Peter Stulp and Mathew Krum, my executors in trust for my said son Thomas and my sister, Sarah Alworth, and my sister to have the use of that half I give to Thomas untill he arrives at the age of twenty-one.

Witnesses, Jonathan Rude, of Hillsdale, Albany County, carpenter; Mary Bigsbey, Sarah Alworth. Proved, Albany County, July 5, 1784. Administration

granted to Jurre A. Smith, of Clavarack District, Albany County, farmer, a creditor of William Alworth, of Noble Town, yeoman, deceased. As the above executors renounced their executorship, New York, July 23, 1784.

Page 94.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANTHONY BUYBANK, of the City of New York, being sick and weak in body. I will that my debts and funeral charges be paid by my wife and other executrix, and that they may be better enabled to pay them, it is my will that they have full power over all my estate, to dispose of the same or any part thereof. To my eldest son, Anthony, £5, as his birthright over his equal third part of my estate. I give all my estate, real and personal, the house I now live in and the next to it in Nassau Street on Golden Hill in the City of New York, with all my goods and chattels, into the hands of my wife, Catharine, during her life or widowhood and no longer; and if she marry again my other executrix to sell my whole estate, give my widow one third of it, and £25 more, then all that remains to be divided equally among my three children, viz.: Anthony, John, and Catharine Buybank, each one third of that remaining. I constitute my loving wife Catharine, and the widow, Mary Burnsidess, executrices.

Dated February 25, 1760. Witnesses, Frances Cooley, of New York City, grocer; Michael Saitz, George Gordon. Proved, New York, March 12, 1784. Administration granted to Catharine Bingham, wife of James Bingham, of New York City, Vendue Master, and daughter of Anthony Byvanck, late of New York City, deceased, whereas the executrices of the above will Catharine Buybank and Mary Burnsidess are, as is alleged, deceased. New York, July 24, 1784.

Page 96.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES MORTON, being weak in body but sound in mind and in perfect senses, do bequeath my soul to God and my

body to the dust, considering the uncertainty of life. I do constitute my loving brother, John Morton, and Henery Ramson, merchants, now at Moristown to be my executors. I bequeath my gold watch to Jacob Morton, my brother, John Mortons son, and the rest of my effects to be equally divided amongst my brothers and sisters in America, Ireland or elsewhere.

Dated April 27, 1777. Witnesses, Allen Wilson, James Wilson. Proved, Elizth Town, July 19, 1784. Administration granted to Jacob Morton, of the City of New York, attorney at law, nephew of James Morton, formerly of the same place, merchant, deceased. Whereas Henery Ramson, the only surviving executor, by Instrument dated July 23, instant, relinquished the executorship, New York July 26, 1784.

Page 97.—Know all men by these Presents that I, BENJAMIN CONKLIN, of Huntington, Suffolk County, this 22d of May, 1778, being in health. I leave to my beloved wife, Keziah, my “old brownd mair,” “riding chear,” four cows, all the grain on the ground and in the house, and all the household goods. To my oldest and youngest sons, Nathan and Benjamin, my whole farm, except a piece of land lying before Jesse Sammis door and that to be sold when my youngest daughter comes of age, and equally divided between my four daughters. I order said Nathan and Benjamin, to see that my second son, Joel, be put to school and given such learning as will be sufficient to keep a Book of Accounts, and likewise at the age of fourteen be put out to learn a trade, and at the age of twenty-one to have £60 paid him by his brothers, Nathan and Benjamin. To my wife the use of my whole farm, with all my stock and farming utensils to bring up my children. so long as she remains my widow, and if she should have a child within nine months, if a male, my sons, Nathan and Benjamin, to make that child equal to my second son Joel, if a female, to make her equal to my daughters (not named). I constitute my good friends

and beloved wife, Keziah, Jonas Rogers, and John Conklin, executors.

Witnesses, Daniel Wiggins, Scudder Platt, Zebulon Rogers. Proved, Suffolk County, July 12, 1784. Confirmed, New York, July 27, 1784.

Page 98.—In the name of God, Amen. This 12th day of August, 1772. I, JOHN SAMMIS, of Huntington, Suffolk County, Nassau Island, miller, being weak in body. I give and confirm a deed given to my son Henry, for land in the Caster purchase. To my two sons, John and Jonas, all my lands, houses, buildings, mills, fences, timber, trees, fields, and in general all my real estate in the west neck so called of the town of Huntington, equally divided. First, hereby ordering that before any division is made my said two sons pay £210 as "leguaseys," £100 to my son Jacob within six months after my decease, £100 to my son Ebenezer in the same time, and £10 to my daughter, Susannah Undle; and in case of my sons not complying therewith. I empower my executors to sell as much as required to pay the same. To my five sons, viz.: John, Henry, Jonas, Jacob and Ebenezer Sammis, all my right to an Island in South Bay, known as Cedar Island. To my daughter, Abigail Scudder, my negro girl Jane, which she now has. To my loving wife (not named) all the "effects" she brought with her nothing excepted. I appoint my friends, Cornelius Conkling, Jr., and Gilbert Potter, executors, empowering them to sell as much of my woodlands joining Richard Denton as shall with my moveables not disposed of, be sufficient to pay my debts, giving my sons, John and Jacob, all overplus, except my negro boy Prince, whom I order my executors to sell and equally divide the proceeds between Susannah Undle, Jacob and Ebenezer Sammis.

Witnesses, Samuel Conklin, Jesse Sammis, yeoman, and Benjamin Conkling. Proved, Suffolk County, July 12, 1784. Confirmed, New York, July 27, 1784.

Page 100.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DAVID RICKARD, of the Precinct of Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, yeoman, being sick. I leave to my eldest son, Joseph, my big Dutch Bible. To my stepdaughter, Elizabeth Counes, a cow, an ewe and a lamb. To my son, Johannes Rikard, my farm at Rhinebeck, as it is now in my possession with the waggon, sleds, plows and farming utensils, on condition, and not otherwise, that he pay my wife Mary, and my other ten children, Joseph, Henry, Jacob, David, Philip, Zacharia, Barent, Susanah, wife of Lodwick Elsefer; Mary, widow of Unry Siperly, and Catharine, wife of Wilhelmus Feller, and to their respective heirs 500 Spanish milled silver dollars, share and share alike in three equal payments, and further that my said son Johannes, allow my wife Mary, a good room in the dwelling house and the same kept in sufficient repair with cellar and garret room, and sufficient firewood cut by the door, and if in the division with my children my wife get a cow and two sheep, he to keep them summer and winter as his own cattle, and if any turn old, he is to change them and keep up the number to her so long as she doth live, and those she hath at her death are to be at her own disposal; but if she doth not get the cow and two sheep as aforesaid, then my son Johannis is to provide them for her, to keep and change them, but at her death they are in this case to revert to him; he also to provide for her use yearly a sufficient quantity of garden stuff as herbs, potatoes, turneeps, cabbage and roots for summer and winter, also apples for her summer use and winter store, and liberty to feed a pig each Fall out of the fallen apples; Also to sow for her yearly half a schiple of flaxseed, to pull, bring in and thresh the flax; Also to deliver to her yearly twelve bushels of merchantable wheat, and three of Indian corn, and carry the same to mill and bring home the meal to her; Also to deliver her every Fall three barrels of cider, if there is a sufficiency of apples for both families, if not then in proportion only; Also

every Fall a quarter of good beef, and 125 pounds of good pork well fattened. All the residue of my worldly estate I devise to my wife Mary and my said ten children, share and share alike. I appoint my son Joseph and my two sons-in-law, Lodwick Elsefer and Wilhelmus Feller, executors.

(Signed)

DAVID REICHELT.

Dated December 30, 1783. Witnesses, Will Cockburn, James Cockburn, farmer; Philip Verplanck. Proved, Dutchess County, July 22, 1784.

Page 102.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PHILIP LYDIG, of the City of New York, baker, being weak in body. I leave to my son David, £500, when he shall attain the age of twenty-one years. To my stepson, Philip Ebert, £100, to be paid him immediately after my decease. My wife Margrett to have, hold and enjoy, during her widowhood all my estate, real and personal. After her decease all my estate to be equally divided between my son, David Lydig, and my grandchildren, Mary Sheaff, Catharine Sheaff and Sabina Sheaff, that is to say, I mean that my son David have one half of my estate, and the other half to be divided among my grandchildren. The portion of my grandchildren when due to be laid out in real estate. If my son Daniel die before twenty-one, and not be married, nor have heirs, then his share to go to my said grandchildren. I nominate my wife Margret, my stepson Philip Ebert, and my son, David Lydig, executors.

Dated August 11, 1781. Witnesses, Zeloronder fick (Alexander Fink of New York City, butcher), Philip Oswald, D. Grim. Proved, New York, June 30, 1784.

Page 103.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ALEXANDER GILCHRIST, of Argyle Township, Charlotte County, being weak in body, this 20th day of September, 1776. I leave to my sons all that land whereon I now live. To my three eldest daughters, Jane, Catharine and

Agnes, each an equal part of that lot of land in my possession, known by the number 83. Each of my sons to pay each of my youngest daughters, Flora and Margaret, £29. Each of my eldest daughters, Jane, Catharine and Agnes, to pay my two said youngest daughters £5 each. To my true and loving wife (not named) one third of all my goods, clothes, etc., and the other two parts to be divided among the rest, to go toward their schooling. I ordain Duncan Gilchrist and John McNeil, executors.

Witnesses, John McDougall, Alexander A. McDougall (of Washington County, farmers). Proved, Washington County, July 5, 1784. Confirmed, New York, July 29, 1784.

Page 104.—In the name of God, Amen. I, OBADIAH ROGERS, of the town of Southampton, Suffolk County, yeoman, being in declining state of health. I leave to my son Zephaniah, my now dwelling house and barn at town with all my home lot adjoining, also my upper lot at Captain's Neck, and half of my lower close upland and meadow at Captain's Neck, and the south part of my lot at Wickapog as far as the great ditch, and half of my lot called Mill neck, and all my piece of meadow at Shinnecock, and half my woodland in the great south division, and my piece of land at the north end of town as you go to North Sea, and half my land at Pomeqwang, and one Fifty of commonage throughout the township, and half my lot beyond canoe place on the north side of the road as you go to Qwang, and half my meadow on the short point at Asup's Neck. I give to my grandson, Obadiah Rogers, half my lower close at Captain's Neck, and my land at the north side of the Close so far as the great Ditch at Wickapang, and half of my land called Mill Neck, and three quarters of a fifty of my woodland in the great south division, and one fifty right of commonage throughout the township, and half my meadow on the short point in Asup's Neck. To my grandson, Jere-

miah Rogers, all my buildings at Qwang with my land adjoining, and my land and meadow on Asup's Neck (except the meadow on Short point), but in case he should die without male heirs then his lands shall go to my son Zephaniah, but my will is that my son Zephaniah, and grandson Obadiah, shall have the improvement of all those lands given to said Jeremiah equally between them, till Jeremiah comes to the age of twenty-one. To my grandson, Matthew Rogers, my land at first neck. To my son Zephaniah, my meadow at West Beach and £20 in cash, two cows, one bed, my negro wench, Lucy, my negro man, Cato. To my grandson Jeremiah, my bed and bedding at Qwang. To my four daughters (not named) £8 each. To my grandson Obadiah, £5. To my son Zephaniah, the remainder of my moveable estate; Also he and my grandson Obadiah, to pay to my son Stephen's widow yearly, thirty shillings each, that is £3 a year, and if my son's widow, Hannah Rogers, should be deprived of a house, it is my will that they should provide a room for her and necessaries convenient for her subsistence so long as she remains my son's widow; Also it is my will that her youngest daughter Mehetabel, live with her mother till eighteen years of age. To my grandson, Mathew Rogers, one quarter of a fifty right of woodland in the great south division. My will is that my grandchildren, Millisunt, Gabriel and Ruth, shall have a right in my house at Qwange, as a home as long as unmarried, that is my deceased son James' children. To my grandson Obadiah, half my land at Pomeqwang. I appoint my son Zephaniah, and grandson, Obadiah Rogers, executors.

Dated September 29, 1782. Witnesses, Joseph Jacobs, cordwainer; Oliver Howell, William Herrick. Proved, Suffolk County, July 14, 1784. Confirmed, New York, July 30, 1784.

Page 107.—I, CHRISTOPHER LUPTON, of Southampton, Suffolk County, Long Island, do make my last will

in ye manner following: I leave to my wife Mary, half my buildings and lands and meadows and woodlands, and all my fast estate. I give her my said wife all my moveable estate. The other half of my said real estate to my three daughters, viz.: Sarah, Mary, and Phebe Lupton. To my sister, Anne Lupton, ye privilege of residing in my now dwelling house, and of keeping a cow on my land as long as unmarried, and if she chuses not to dwell here she may have ye improvement of my house and the lot it stands on at North Sea. I constitute my wife Mary, my brother, Abram Post, and Henry Herrick, executors.

Dated November 23, 1782. Witnesses, Henry Herrick, Sarah Jones, Mehetabel Howell, spinster. Proved, Suffolk County, July 8, 1784. Confirmed, New York, July 30, 1784.

Page 108.—In the name of God, Amen. This 12th day of February, 1784. I, ISAAC FROST, of Hempstead, Queens County, being in a poor state of health. I order my executor to raise out of my estate a reasonable support for my daughter, Elizabeth Mearit, as long as she doth live single, or keeps herself at a distance from Mearit and no longer. My executors to sell my lands and moveable estate and with the money to put to school my two youngest sons, "and to put them two to trades, Nathaniel and Israel, and such trades as the children may have a mind to larn." After my "debts and funerals" be paid, and my daughter Elizabeth be provided for according to the words of this my last will. I give to my five sons the remainder of my estate, equally divided, that is to James, Plat, Townson, Nathaniel and Israel Frost, and if any die his share to the survivors, and the division to be made when Israel, the youngest, arrives at the age to chuse his "gardeen," and if my executors shall "see reasonable" that my two eldest sons shall need their part as they arrive to full age, that is, Platt and Townson, I leave that to their "discretion." I make James Oakly,

Jr., of Huntington, and Elijaga Cornall and Platt Frost, both of Hempstead, executors.

Witnesses, William Langdon, Jeremiah Hutchings, wheelright; David Stilwell. Proved, Queens County, July 26, 1784.

Page 109.—In the name of God, Amen. I, NICHOLAS VAN AUSDALEN, of Jamaica, Queens County, yeoman, being in good health. I leave to my son Abraham, £5. To my well-beloved wife Jane, the use of the best room I have, and a comfortable sufficient maintenance out of my estate as long as she remains my widow. Likewise the use of a brown chest I now have, as long as she is my widow, and after her death or marriage I give the said chest to her son Johannes, if living, and if dead to her daughter the now wife of John Amberman. If my widow marry again my executors to pay her £30 on her quitting said estate. To my son John, £250. To my daughter Sara, the now wife of Nicholas Lamberson, £50. To my granddaughter Charity, daughter of Cornelius Amberman, £25, three years after my decease. To my grandson Nicholas, son of my son Abraham, my weaving loom and weaving tackling to be his own. To my son Isaac, in case he don't marry till after my decease, two cows and the best horse, the rest of my estate to my sons, Abraham and Isaac Van Ausdalen, equally divided. I make my sons, Abraham and Isaac, and my loving cousins, Isaac Amberman and John Amberman, sons of Isaac Amberman of this town, executors.

(Signed) NYCKLAES VAN ARSDALEN.

Dated March 8, 1781. Witnesses, Isaac Amberman, Stephen Higbie, Nathaniel Box, schoolmaster. Proved, Queens County, July 24, 1784.

Page 111.—In the name of God, Amen. The 16th of November, 1775. I, JOHN MONTANYE, of Hempstead, Queens County, Nassau Island, yeoman, being now at this time in a weak state of health and strength. I

leave to my dearly beloved wife Mercy, my house and lands in Hempstead where I now live, and two lots of meadow, one fresh and one salt, in the far east neck, so called, in the Township of Jamaica, Queens County; likewise my cupbord and all that shall be therein, two of my best beds, one round table, one tea table, one looking glass, six of my best chairs; Also the use of my large Dutch Bible so long as she shall have "occat-ion" for the same, after that I give it to my cousin, Abraham Montonye, son of my uncle, Johannis Montonye. To my cousin, John Montonye, of the City of New York, eldest son of my uncle Johannis, £5, and to all his brothers and sisters living at my decease £5 each. To the daughters of my uncle, Jacobus Montonye, each £5. To the children of my Aunt Peter-nella, £5 (no surname given). To my cousin, Sarah Foncise, wife of Cornelius Foncise, of Gravesend, Kings County, £10. To my cousin, Jane Smith, widow of Benjamin Smith, £5. To my cousin, Aaron Hendrickson, £5. To my cousin, James Everit, £5. To Deborah Box, wife of Nathaniel Box, £5. To the Trustees of the Dutch Church of Success in Hempstead and to their successors £20, to be put out at interest for the support of a Minister in the said Dutch Church. To my wife the whole right in the aforesaid church. If there shall be moneys wanting to pay the above legacies, etc., I empower my executors to sell such of my estate as I have not bequeathed for the same, selling such things first as my wife shall think she can most conveniently spare. The remainder of my estate to my wife. I make Mercy my wife, my brother-in-law, John Hendrickson, John Skidmore, Jr. (the son of John Skidmore) and Christian Snedecor, executors.

Witnesses, Whitehed Skidmore, Ruluf Vorhis, Albert Hendrickson, of Queens County, weaver. Proved, July 23, 1784. Administration granted to Mercy Montonye and the two other executors, New York, July 31, 1784.

Page 113.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS VAN WYCK, of the Township of Flushing, Queens County, Nassau Island, being sick, I will that my executors as and at such time as they think most for the benefit of my wife and children sell my real estate, and also my personal estate, and the monies therefrom and the monies of which I may be possessed, and which may be due me I dispose of as follows, to wit: To my son Stephen, £500; to my son, Whitehead Hicks Van Wyck, £500; the rest of my estate to my beloved wife, Sarah, and my said two sons, Stephen and Whitehead, and my daughters, Harriet and Peggy, equally divided. My executors to put the legacies to my children out at interest for their benefit, and to pay my sons theirs when they are twenty-one, and my daughters theirs when they are eighteen, and the legacy to my wife immediately on the sale of my estate; the interest from the legacies to my children to be used in bringing them up, educating them and maintaining them in such manner as my executors think proper; my sons to be educated to such possessions or business as my executors think most for their benefit. My wife to receive so much of the profits of my estate as to enable her to maintain herself and my children till my estate shall be sold. I make my brothers, Stephen Van Wyck, Gilbert Van Wyck and my brother-in-law, John Thorne, executors, and my wife, executrix.

Dated October 15, 1781. Witnesses, Jacob Duryee, of Queens County, yeoman; Mary Duryee, John Stark. Proved, Queens County, August 2, 1784.

Page 115.—In the name of God, Amen. We, MARTE BEEKMAN, of the City of Albany, blacksmith, and GEERTRUY BEEKMAN, lawful wife of the same, both being of sound and perfect mind and memory, considering the transitory state of our mortal bodies and being willing to settle the affairs of this life that we may not thereby be hindered in our preparations for eternity, do therefore make this our mutual last will

and testament. Both our will is that the survivor of us shall remain in full possession of all our estate, real and personal, until it shall please the Lord to take us both to himself. We leave to our son, Johannis M. Beekman, £10, for his right of Primogeniture, and as a bar to his pretention of being heir at law to either of us; Also the lot of ground and buildings thereon in the City of Albany, between the house and lot now in the tenure and occupation of Abraham Douw, Esq., and the small house and lot of Barent Bratt. We give to our daughter Eve, the wife of Abraham Schuyler, the house and lot with the buildings thereon erected wherein we now live, and as the same is now in our possession to use, occupy and enjoy during her and her said husband's lives, and at their decease the same to go to her children. To our son Johannis M. (before any division of our estate between him and his said sister) £60. The rest of our estate either in possession or inversion at the time of our decease, or which of right we or either of us are entitled to from the estates of our Fathers, Johannis Beekman and Tjerck Harmense Visger, by their respective last wills devised to us or either of us, we give the same to our said two children, Johannis M. Beekman and Eva Schuyler, equally divided. We nominate our said son Johannis M. and son-in-law, Abraham Schuyler, and our daughter, Eva Schuyler, executors.

Dated September 16, 1768. Witnesses, John Ja Lansing, Johannis Eversen, of Albany, cooper; John Roorback, of Albany, Esquire. Proved, Albany, August 2, 1784. Administration granted to Johannis M. Beekman and Abraham Schuyler, New York, August 10, 1784.

Page 117.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIS CORNEL, at Flat Bush, Kings County, Nassau Island, being well in bodily health, considering the uncertain continuance of my life and the many hazards and dangers it is obnoxious to, and being desirous to

leave that small estate and fortune which God has been pleased to bless me with as much in peace and union as may be, and that I may have nothing of this transitory world to incumber my thoughts and contemplations with at my going out of it, but to meditate on the next world and the inestimable blessings there to be enjoyed, I do make this my last will. I leave to my son Guiljam my shooting gun to him and his heirs for ever as his birthright. To my loving wife Sarah, the use of all my real and personal estate, with all the profits and advantage thereof during the time that my youngest son shall come to the age of twenty-two, and if she shall happen to die or marry before them, my executors shall dispose of the same as to them in their discretion shall seem most profitable to my children, and further they shall yearly pay to my wife Sarah, while my widow, £20, the first payment to be made at the day my youngest son shall attain the age of twenty-three. Also to my wife one bed and bedstead with all the necessities thereunto which now stands in our dwelling room, and where we now commonly sleep, also my large cupboard. To my son Guiljam when twenty-two, £400, for him to use for seven years without paying interest therefor, and he then to repay the said £400 to my executors, and in case he chuse to retain the same it shall be at his election either to repay it as aforesaid or to pay a reasonable interest yearly, always provided that in such case the said sum shall be decuted from his share in the division of my estate hereafter ordered. To my son Peter, from my personal state, when he shall come to the age of twenty-two, £400, to use for seven years, etc. (with the same restrictions as the above legacy to Guiljam). To my son Cornelis, all my houses, barns, edifices, lands, woodlands and meadows in Flat Bush or elsewhere to him his heirs and assigns forever as soon as he shall be twenty-two, and in consideration of the premises he shall pay to my executors £600 on the day he comes in possession. To my daughter Jannitje,

at the day of her marriage £60, as an outset. My sons, Peter and Cornelis, and daughter Jannitje, shall be maintained with all necessaries till they are respectively twenty-two, and my said sons shall each learn a trade or occupation and be maintained in the time of their apprenticeships, but if one or more of my children marry before twenty-two then my estate shall be discharged of maintaining such. To my three sons at the day my youngest shall be twenty-two, £300, that is, to Guiljam, Peter and Cornelis, £100 each. To my said four children my personal estate equally divided when my youngest is twenty-two. I empower my executors to sell one or more or all of my slaves if it seem most "adviceable" and to buy others, and I order them to make an inventory of my personal estate six weeks after my decease. I appoint Sarah, my loving wife, my brothers, Johannes Cornel, Cornelis Cornel, my brother-in-law, Peter Stryker, Jr., and my cousin, John Van Der Bilt, executors. In witness whereof I have to this fourth sheet set my hand and seal, and to each of the three foregoing sheets subscribed my name this 20th day of November, 1766.

Witnesses, Jacob Lefferse (Lefferts of Flat Bush), Gerrit Stryker and N. Steenbergh. Proved, Kings County, June 22, 1784. Administration granted to Peter Stryker and John Van Der Bilt, New York, August 10, 1784.

Page 120.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JONATHAN WRIGHT, of Flushing, Queens County, yeoman, this 4th day of June, 1779, in order to settle my worldly affairs to prevent any differences after my decease, I do make this my last will and testament. I leave to my loving daughter, Melicent Hunt, half of my real estate in Flushing or elsewhere, and half of my personal estate. To my loving daughter, Hannah Drake, and her two youngest sons, Stephen and Richard Drake, the other half of my real and personal estate equally divided one third to each, my said grand-

sons to receive their legacies of their mother when they arrive at the age of twenty-one or marry; if the real estate should at that time be sold, and if either of my said grandsons die under age without issue then his part shall be divided between his mother and brother. I appoint my two daughters, Melicent Hunt and Hannah Drake, executrices.

Witnesses, Thos. Cornel, yeoman; John Cornel, John Field. Proved, Queens County, August 3, 1784. Administration granted to Hannah Hunt, formerly Hannah Drake, one of the executrices, New York, August 11, 1784.

Page 122.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JAMES THORNE, of Flushing, Queens County, yeoman, this 20th day of August, 1766, being in a reasonable state of health, so as to prevent differences after my decease, do make this my last will and testament. I leave my desk to my cousin, George Thorne, son of my cousin, Samuel Thorne, deceased; the rest of my personal estate, except my riding chair which I bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Sarah, and except my two negro slaves. I give to my wife and my cousin, George Thorne, equally divided. To my wife the sole use and profit of my real estate during the whole time till the said George Thorne is twenty-one or is married, then he shall have half of my real estate and my wife the other half during her natural life and no longer. To the said George Thorne, son of my cousin, Samuel Thorne, sadler, deceased, all my real estate in Flushing, after the decease of my wife Sarah, on condition he do pay the sum of £250 in manner following: £100 thereof to my cousin, Mary Farrington, daughter of my deceased cousin, James Farrington, £30 thereof to my cousin [nephew] William Thorne, son of my deceased brother, William Thorne; £10 thereof to my cousin, Joseph Thorne, son of my said brother; £10 thereof to my cousin, Catharine Joneses children, grandchildren of my said deceased brother William;

£20 thereof to my cousin, James Thorne, son of my brother, John Thorne, deceased; £20 thereof to my cousin, William Thorne, son of my brother Thomas; £10 to my cousin, John Thorne, son of my brother John; £20 thereof to my aforesaid cousin, Samuel Thorne's sons, Samuel and William Thorne, and £30, being the residue thereof, to John Field, Jr., of Flushing, as a legacy for the use of friends belonging to the quarterly meeting on Long Island to be disposed of as the members of the said meeting think proper. I order that my two negro slaves, that is, my man called Bristo, and my maid called Elener, his wife, shall have their freedom if they chuse on condition that my man bring in yearly to my executors, if George Thorne be not of age, £3, and my maid £2, which money shall be kept for the support of the said negroes, and if they be not capable of supporting themselves then George Thorne or his heirs shall support them as long as they live. If George Thorne die before twenty-one without lawful issue then I leave all my real estate bequeathed to him to my cousin, John Thorn, son of my brother John, deceased, on the same conditions. I appoint my cousin, John Thorne, son of my brother John, and my trusty friends, James Bowne, of New York, and Daniel Bowne, of Flushing, executors.

Witnesses, Benjⁿ Field, Hannah Thorn, Gilbert Field, shoemaker. Proved, Queens County, August 2, 1784. Administration granted to John Thorne, New York, August 11, 1784.

Page 125.—In the name of God, Amen. The 24th day of August, 1782. I, JOHN ADEE, of Hogpen Ridge in the Township of Rye, Westchester County, weaver, being weak in body. I leave to my grandson, Samuel Adee, eldest son of my son, Jonathan Adee, Doward the sum of £5 in full bar of his claim as heir at law. To my grandchildren Pheby, Sarah, Rebeckah and Jonathan Adee, £24 equally divided. To my eldest daughter, Hannah, all my household furniture which I

shall have at my decease, and £40 on condition that my executors can collect the moneys due me upon Bonds and notes. To my son John, my two "weavers lombs" with the utensils thereto, to his use absolutely. My executors shall sell my real estate and the moneys, with the moneys due me on note or bond, after my debts are paid, shall be divided equally among my three sons, William, David and John, without fraud or advantage taken one from the other. And whereas my present wife (not named) when the widow of Benjamin Haviland made articles touching our estate I hereby certify that they shall remain in full force. I appoint my sons, William and Daniel Adee, executors.

Witnesses, Christopher Bennet, Thomas Howell, Griffen Gale, of Rye, cordwainer. Proved, Westchester County, July 30, 1784. Confirmed, New York, August 13, 1784.

Page 126.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JONATHAN THUSTAN, of Jamaica, Queens County, being in perfect health of body and mind through the goodness of God and mindful of death and the uncertainty of the hour thereof. My worldly estate I bequeath as followeth, earnestly desiring all those concerned to be therewith satisfied. I leave to my well-beloved wife Pricilla, my moveable estate, indoors and out, in lieu of dowry. To Millecent now the wife of Nathan Smith, Jr., £30, paid as soon as convenient after my decease. To John Cornwell, the son of Elizabeth Cornwell, now wife of Thomas Cornwell, £5. My wearing apparel all of it to be equally divided amongst the sons of Daniel Tuthill and Plat Neil; and the rest of my estate I give one half thereof to be equally divided amongst the children of Daniel Tuthill, and the other half between the children of Plat Neal. My debts and legacies and funeral charges to be paid out of my real estate; my executors having power to sell it as soon as they see cause. I make my two loving brothers, Daniel Tuthill and Plat Nail, executors.



Dated August 27, 1776. Witnesses, Nehemiah Carpenter, clerk; Nehemiah Carpenter, Jr., Nicholas Everitt, yeoman. Proved, Queens County, August 10, 1784.

Page 128.—In the name of God, Amen. I, NICHOLAS VAN DAM, of Queens County, Long Island. I order all my estate, real and personal, to be given to my loving wife Aletta, during her widowhood, but in case she marries again I order the whole to be sold and equally divided between the said Aletta, my sons, Richard, Jonah and James Van Dam, and my daughter Magdalen. In case my wife remains my widow during life she shall have power to will my whole estate to my children, Richard, Jonah, Magdalen and James Van Dam, in proportions as she shall think proper. I make my wife Aletta, and Hugh Gaine, of the City of New York, printer, executors.

Dated June 15, 1778. Witnesses, Agness Gamage, Hope Mills, Ed^d Willett, shopkeeper. Proved, Queens County, August 4, 1784. Administration granted to Aletta Van Dam, New York, August 14, 1784.

Page 129.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL MESSENGER, of Jamaica, Queens County, being very sick and weak. I impower my executors to sell my real and moveable estate at some convenient time after my decease as they think best, and the monies arising I leave as follows: To my son John, £50; the rest of my estate to be divided into five equal parts, one part I give to my son John, and one part to my daughter Keziah, one to my daughter Sara, one to my daughter Mary, to each when they arrive at lawful age; and for the remaining fifth part I give the interest thereof to my wife Sarah, so long as my widow, but if she marry or die then this part to be paid to my surviving children, except £25 which I give at her own disposal. I appoint my wife Sarah, my brother, William Messenger, and my friend and uncle, John Roads, executors.

Dated April 2, 1777. Witnesses, Nathaniel Box, schoolmaster; Waters Lamberson, shopkeeper; Isaack Rhoades. Proved, Queens County, August 4, 1784. Administration granted to Sarah Messenger and the other executors, New York, August 14, 1784.

Page 130.—In the name of God, Amen. I, STEPHEN HOWEL, of the Precinct of Cornwall, Orange County, carpenter, in good health, do this 30th of March, 1779, make my last will. I order my debts and funeral charges to be paid in as short a time after my decease as may be done with conveniency. I leave all my estate, real and personal, to my well-beloved brother, Charles Howell, and I make him sole executor.

Witnesses, Matt^w Carpenter, Susanna Moffat, Thomas Moffat, Esquire. Proved, Orange County, July 26, 1784. Confirmed, New York, August 14, 1784.

Page 131.—In the name of God, Amen. ISAAC MILLS, of Smithtown, Suffolk County, being in good health. To my well-beloved wife (not named) all my moveable estate except my farming tackling. To my son William, my buildings, lands and meadows and half my farming tackling. To Ebenezer, £100; to my son George, £100, "when he is with age"; to my son Isaac, £100, "when he comes to be with age"; Also to my daughter Sarah, £10; to my daughter Elizabeth, £60; to my daughter Mary, £60; to my daughter Hannah, £60; "when they come to be with age." My wife to have one third of my buildings and lands as long as she is my widow. It is my will that my wife and William should bring up my children. If William refuses to pay the money given to my children, my executors are to sell part of my farm that can be spared best. I make my trusty friend, Nathan Woodhill, sen., my son William and my wife Sary, executors.

Dated August 11, 1781. Witnesses, Jonathan Mills, of Smithtown, yeoman; John Bennett, Jedediah Mills.



Proved, Suffolk County, August 4, 1784. Confirmed, New York, August 17, 1784.

Page 133.—In the name of God, Amen. I, RICHARD LAWRENCE, of New Town, Queens County, gentleman, being sick and weak. I leave to my dearly beloved wife Amy, £450, and my negro girl named Phillis, my best bed and its furniture including three pairs of sheets and three pairs of pillow cases, half a dozen of my fiddle back chairs, half a dozen silver table and teaspoons, all of which is in lieu of her right of dower or thirds. To my brother, Samuel Lawrence, £7 a year for life. All the rest of my estate, real and personal, I order my executors to sell, and the moneys arising I give to all and every the children of my brothers, Joseph, William, Thomas, Jonathan and Daniel Lawrence, and to the children of my sister, Anna Sacket, equally divided. I appoint my brothers, William and Thomas Lawrence, executors.

Dated December 15, 1780. Witnesses, Hendrick Suydam, of Newtown, miller; Rich^d Betts, Robert Hinchman.

Codicil. I, Richard Lawrence, of Newtown, do this 24th day of September, 1781, make this codicil. Whereas I have in my last will given unto Amy, my dearly beloved wife, £450, I order my executors to pay her instead £500 one year after my decease. I leave to Melancton Lawrence, son of Elizabeth Fowler, £200, one year after my decease. It is my will that all my negro slaves ordered in my will to be sold shall have a reasonable time to look out for their own masters. In case my negro girl Phillis (in my will given to my wife) shall die with her present illness, in lieu of her I give her my negro girl named Mary. To my brother William, my lot of land, adjoining the land of David Provoost and Capt. Samuel Hallett and the road leading from Newtown to Halletts Cove, containing about ten acres, on condition that he pay to my brother, Thomas Lawrence, for the use of my estate

£20 per acre for every acre, if he neglect to pay this within one year of my decease I order the same to be sold as is directed in my will.

Witnesses to Codicil, Hendrick Suydam, Richard Betts, Jacob Hallett. Proved, New York, August 17, 1784.

Page 135.—In the name of God, Amen. I, WILLIAM BOGERT, of the City of New York, sail maker. I leave to my loving sister Elizabeth, now the wife of James Van Varck, of the said City, hatter, all my real and personal estate, but in case she depart this life before my decease then I devise the same to the children of my said sister equally divided. I make James Van Varck, executor.

Dated December 6, 1762. Witnesses, Jacob Labagh, James Quick, of New York City, baker; Cha^s Mors. Proved, June 22, 1784. Administration granted to Elizabeth Van Varick, of New York City, widow of James Van Varick, and sister of William Bogert, sail-maker, deceased; James Van Varck, executor of the above will, being dead. New York, August 18, 1784.

Page 136.—By his Excellency William Livingston, Esq^r, Governor and Commander-in-chief over the State of New Jersey, etc., to all whom these presents shall come greeting. Know ye that at Bernard's town the last will of Theodorus Van Wyck, late of the County of Somerset, deceased, was proved on the date hereof, and Administration was granted to Helena Van Wyck, Helena Bogart and Abraham Van Wyck, executors, February 17, 1778. In the name of God, Amen. I, THEODORUS VAN WYCK, of the City of New York, merchant, being weak in body. I leave to my son Abraham, £70 over and above his share of my estate as being my eldest son. To my beloved wife Helena, £800; Also all my household goods and kitchen furniture, and my family books, and what else is used in the family, except my Plate, Liquors and

large Dutch Bible. To my son Abraham, my large Dutch family Bible, and my large silver salver or waiter which was presented to me by my friends, Samuel Schuyler, William Lupon and Cornelius Switts; Also to my son Abraham, my family Vault in the New Dutch Church yard under the following condition, that is to say, that all my children and grandchildren either in blood or by marriage shall have a right at their death to be interred therein in case any of their relations or friends require it. I give unto my sons, Abraham and David, all my wearing apparel and military accoutrements equally divided, except my silver watch to Abraham, and my silver hilted sword to David. To Abraham that sum of £300 he had of me by way of discount when he went to Currasoa, and £200 which I discounted with him in breaking up the Company's store, which completes the sum of £500 to his portion of my estate. To my daughter, Helena Bogert, that sum of £411 which she had for an outset; Also that further sum which I lately paid her of £89, which completes the sum of £500 her portion of my estate. To my daughter Catharine, wife of the Rev^d John Mason, £500, which she had as an outset, her portion of my estate. To my son David, £500, his portion of my estate. To my daughter Margaret, £500, her portion of my estate. To my daughter Anna Mary, £500, her portion of my estate. The above to be paid unto each as they severally attain the age of twenty-one or marry, provided that such sums they or either of them stand charged with in my books shall be deducted out of their legacy, and the portion of my underaged children shall be paid out at interest, and they to be supported out of the income therefrom till they are twenty-one or marry; in case any die before they are twenty-one or marry, I give the share of such to the survivors of my children equally divided, allowing my grandchildren the share which would have been their father's or mother's if they are not living, which shares shall comprehend their respective lands here-

after expressly given as well as money. To my son Abraham, 1,000 acres I hold by an original grant or Patent in a tract known as the Township of Monkton, lying now or late in the County of Albany. To my son David, one other 1,000 acres in the said Township which I hold by virtue of a release of John Oothoudt. To my daughter, Helena Bogart, 1,000 acres which I hold by an original Patent in a tract known as the Township of Mecklenburgh, now or late in Albany County. To my daughter, Catharine Mason, 1,000 acres in the said Township which I hold by a release of Peter Stoutenburgh, Evart Byvanck, Jr., and Garret Abale for 3,000 acres. To my daughter Margaret, 1,000 acres, one third part of the said 3,000 acres last mentioned. To my daughter Anna Mary, 1,000 acres, the remaining third of the said 3,000 acres. I will that one half of the house and two lots of ground at Hackensack, Bergen County, New Jersey, be reserved for the sole use of my wife Helena, during her life and afterward I give it to my above children, the same to be sold and the money divided. My family Plate, except the said salver, to my wife and my said six children equally divided. All the rest of my estate, real and personal, to my wife and said children equally divided. If any of my children being executors shall be indebted to me they shall account for the same out of their share. I make my wife Helena, my son Abraham, my daughter Helena, and my son-in-law, John Mason, executors.

Dated July 19, 1776. Witnesses, Richard Laidlee, Mathias Ernest, John Oothoat. Administration granted to Abraham Van Wyck, New York, August 18, 1784.

Page 140.—I, HENRY FRANKLIN, of the City of New York, on the 26th day of the 5th month, 1780, being at present in health of body. I leave to my beloved wife Mary, all my household goods, plate and furniture, and £50 yearly while she is my widow, but if she

marry in lieu of the £50 one ninth part of the residue of my personal estate over and above the goods, plate, etc., given her, and one ninth of the rents and profits of my real estate (except a tract devised herein to my five sons and six farms in Dartmouth devised to my three daughters) until the same shall be sold, and then one ninth of the money therefrom. I order my executors to sell all my real estate (except what is excepted) for the best price that can be got, and as speedy as may be after my decease to sell all my stock in trade and collect my outstanding debts, and to put the money therefrom out at interest, and apply the interest to paying the £50 yearly to my wife and for bringing up and educating my children till they respectively attain to lawful age according to their sex; and if the interest be insufficient for the above purposes I empower them to apply so much of the principal as shall appear to them really necessary; and out of the residue they shall pay to each of my five sons, Henry, Matthew, Richard, William and Samuel, one ninth thereof as they attain the age of twenty-one respectively, and to each of my three daughters, Phebe, Sarah and Philadelphia, one ninth thereof when eighteen; As touching the said six farms in Dartmouth on the west branch of the North river I give them to my said three daughters when eighteen, equally divided. As touching the above mentioned tract of land (which said tract was granted by Governor Tryon in a Patent given by him to myself, Fredrick Rhineland and others, lying about six miles north of Onion river in Charlotte County, my part containing about 40,000 acres as will more fully appear by said Patent), I give the same with the profits due thereon to my five sons above named equally divided, as soon as my youngest, Samuel, attain the age of twenty-five years, which will be on ye first day of ye third month in the year 1805, except my will is that out of the profits on the said lands one eleventh part thereof be paid to my wife till the same is divided, and after the same is divided my

sons shall pay her severally yearly one eleventh of the rents and profits of their respective shares in case she remain my widow. I appoint my executors to be guardians to my children, and I authorize them to rent out the said six farms given to my daughters, and to make an equal division of the same so soon as my eldest daughter is eighteen; and likewise to rent out the said lands given to my sons as best for the interest of my children, and moreover to place out my sons to such trades or business at suitable age, among friends if it can be, as they think best, and I make my wife Mary, executrix, while my widow and no longer, and my esteemed friends, James Mott, William Rhineland and William Beekman, executors, and for their services I give them "five pounds per cent" on all monies coming into their hands over and above any debts.

Witnesses, Samuel Mabbett, Joseph Hanford, Isaac Burr, of North Hempstead, merchant. Proved, August 19, 1784.

Page 143.—Know all men by these Presents that I, JOAST SNEDEKER, of Oyster Bay, Queens County, Nassau Island, being this 11th day of April, 1784, very low in body and very weak, and my understanding sound and good, well knowing that in the course of nature in a short time I must yield unto death, am therefore willing to set my house in order before my final change. My debts to be paid out of my personal estate and the expenses in executing the contents of my will before any division be made in general. I leave to my loving wife Altie, my "Coubbard" and what is therein, a bedsted and all belonging thereto; Also all she brought in of her "setting out" in full satisfaction of her right of dower and not otherwise. It is my will that my children learn trades which they shall chuse or like best with consent of my executors. It is my will that my wife and children live here this next year if they chuse. It is my will further that my executors "should

do for the best as they should think best." I order my estate sold "a convenient time or year" after my decease, when my debts are paid if any money remain over, my son Garret to have £4 first and the rest to be equally divided between my three children, Garret, Abraham, and John. I make my wife, my brother-in-law, Jacob Van Wicklen, and my loving friend, Peeter Noorstrant, all of Oysterbay, executors.

Witnesses, David Laton, Bornt Snedeker, Anthony Van Noorstrant, yeoman. Proved, Queens County, August 16, 1784. Administration granted to Jacob Coles, of Oyster Bay, yeoman, a principal creditor of Joast Snedeker, deceased, the executors above having relinquished the executorship, New York, August 23, 1784.

Page 144.—In the name of God, Amen. The 13th of February, 1779. I, FRANCIS BEATY, of Rumbout precinct, Dutchess County, being weak of body, calling to mind my own mortality. I leave to my nephew, Francis Beaty, son of Samuel Beaty, of Gargwatter, in the County of Terone in the Kingdom of Ireland, one half of my estate being in Bonds and Notes. To my nephew, Francis Brown, son of Edly Brown, of Gargwater, aforesaid, the other half. I make my friends, Benjamin Snider and John Halstead, both of Rumbout Precinct, executors.

Witnesses, John Donnelly, Solomon Sackrider, yeoman; Henry Baker. Proved, Dutchess County, April 27, 1784. Confirmed, New York, August 26, 1784.

Page 146.—In the name of God, Amen. The 4th day of January, 1776. I, ADAM EKER, of the Mohawks District, Tryon County, yeoman. I order that my beloved wife Margret, during the time that she remains my widow shall remain in the same station and command in my family as in my lifetime till my youngest son is of full age, and then if my widow she is to be found and supplied with a comfortable house and room, firewood, a cow and £10 yearly salary, and, if

the estate can afford her, a waiting maid during her widowhood, which is to be merited by her prudent and virtuous conduct and behaviour. I give to my three children by my first marriage, viz.: to my eldest son, John, as a token of my first born, £5, then £200; to my second son, George, £200; to my oldest daughter, Mary Eker, £70 and the negro girl called Flora, two cows, a feather bed with curtains compleatly furnished, six plates and two pewter dishes, and a pale-pot; which said sums are to be raised from my Bonds, Bills, Notes and Book debts when they arrive at full age. I empower my executors to demand the key of my ready cash and immediately take the same into their care and put it to the best advantage. I leave my whole estate (except that already given) to my four sons, each an equal share, one fourth each to Adam, Henry, Peter and Abraham Eker. Nevertheless if my wife is or may be impregnated during my life and bring forth a son or daughter, if a son he shall have a full share with my last mentioned four sons; if a daughter, she is to receive £60 and a cow in equal proportion with my other three daughters, Margret Eker, Catherine Eker and Marlis Eker; to each I give £60 and a cow, which sums are to be paid when my youngest son is of full age, at which time my estate, real and moveable, may be divided into so many equal shares as there may remain of my sons alive by my second marriage. I make John Eker, Nicholas Snell and Suprinis Tygart, all of Tryon County, yeomen, executors.

Witnesses, John McKenney, Elizabeth McKenney, John Phellep. Proved, Montgomery County, August 10, 1784. Confirmed, New York, August 26, 1784.

Page 148.—In the name of God, Amen. I, BARTHOLOMEW PICKERD, of Fort Plank, but late of Palatine District, Tryon County, New York, yeoman, being sick and weak. I leave to Maria Catharina Pickerd, wife of my nephew, Bartholomew Pickerd, during her widowhood and as long as she keeps the name of her hus-

band, and after that to her two sons, Conrad and Christian Pickerd, that one hundred acres of land on the north side of the Mohawks near the little Falls, with all the appurtenances thereto; and my moveable effects I give to my dearly beloved wife Philipbina. I appoint my trusty friend, Abraham Copeman, overseer of my last will.

Dated December 25, 1782. Witnesses, Abraham Copman, Henrich Eckler, both of Montgomery County, farmers, and Jacob House. Proved, Montgomery County, July 21, 1784. Confirmed, New York, August 26, 1784.

Page 149.—In the name of God, Amen. I, DANIEL WYCKS, of Charlotte Precinct, Dutchess County. I leave to my beloved wife, Rebecca Wicks, the two best beds and furniture thereto that I shall die possessed of; Also at the disposal of my moveable estate by my executors two of the best cows and ten good sheep. To my son Jacob, £60. To my son Joel, £80. To my daughter, Rebecca Wicks, £50 and the two next best beds. To my daughter Elesabeth, £50 and the two next best beds. To my daughter, Johannah Wicks, £50 and the two next best beds. My wife shall have the use of all my estate, real and personal, after my debts are paid, for her support and for bringing up and educating my two youngest children till the same be sold. I will that all my estate (except the said beds, etc.), be sold at the discretion of my executors, and one third of the money I give to my wife while my widow, but if she marry then £100 in lieu of her right of dower; Also to my eight children the said money, viz.: Jacob, Zopher, Silas, Rebecca, Joel, Elizabeth, David and Hannah Wicks, share and share alike, except my sons to have twice as much as my daughters exclusive of the money given them above which is to be taken out of the estate before divided. I appoint my wife Rebecca, my sons, Jacob and Silas Wicks, and Isaac Bloom, executors.

Dated July 15, 1784. Witnesses, Isaac Bloom, of Dutchess County, merchant; Samuel Smith, of Dutchess County, merchant; John Stilwill, farmer. Proved, Dutchess County, August 21, 1784, when it was stated that the testator, Daniel Wickes, was blind when making his will.

Page 152.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JACOB GARDINIER, of the Kline Kill in the township of Kinderhook, Albany County, farmer. I leave to my two sons, Johannis (Jacobse) and Hendrick (Jacobse) Gardinier, all my real and personal estate in equal shares. I make my said two sons executors.

Dated September 26, 1772. Witnesses, Samuel H. Gardinier, farmer; Elisabeth Cantine, Peter Cantine, Jr. Proved, Albany County, August 6, 1784. Confirmed, New York, August 28, 1784.

Page 153.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ADAM DITY, of the Beverdan, in the Manor of Renselaerwick, Albany County, husbandman, do this 26th day of September, 1775, make my last will. I leave to my beloved wife Gerturuy, one third of my whole estate (the £30 in money brought in by my said wife therein included). To my brothers, Johannis and William Dity, and Elizabeth, wife of Juri Sible, each one fourth of the remainder of my estate. To "Adam Dity, Jr., and to his son Adam, Gertury, Sybel and Anna Eker," the remaining fourth part, to each one sixteenth of my whole estate after my wife's one third is deducted. I appoint my said brother William and John R. Bleecker, executors.

Witnesses, Nalley Schuyler, Jn^o R. Bleecker, Barent Bleecker. Proved, Albany County, October 2, 1780. Confirmed, New York, August 27, 1784.

Page 154.—In the name of God, Amen. This 5th day of October, 1775. I, THOMAS CARPENTER, of Harrison's Precinct, Westchester County, being infirm in body. I leave to my beloved wife Martha, one third

of my lands and the best room in my house during her life, to be enjoyed without controll. To my son Joseph, two thirds of my team and farming utensils, and two thirds of all my crops, gathered or growing, with half of my stock, and the whole of my money, and likewise my Bonds, Bills and Book accompts, my wearing apparel, my gun and shop tools; and I order that he pay my debts. To my daughter Phebe, wife of John Haviland, one eighth of my stock (the team excepted) with one fourth of my household furniture. To my daughter, Sarah Vail, wife of Thomas Vail, Jr., the same as her sister. As my land lies undisposed of, saving my wife's dowry, I now order that there be "Prisers," mutually chosen by my son and two daughters, and that the Prisers prise my lands and sedges; I divide the same into seven equal parts, and if my son Joseph choose to pay to my daughters for their parts at the "prisal," two thirds in money within one year after my death and one third within one year after my wife's death, then I bequeath the whole to him; but if he refuseth to pay my daughters for their parts, as after expressed, in form as above expressed, then I bequeath to my son five sevenths of the lands. [Some lines blank and illegible follow.] To my daughter, Sarah Vail, one seventh of my said lands and sedges. It is my will and meaning that the whole stock on my farm be equally divided, one half for my son, and the other for my wife and daughters. If my wife marry, she shall quit her thirds in my farm and receive in lieu £10 a year during her life to be paid by my son and daughter in proportion as I give my lands to them. I appoint my son, Joseph Carpenter, executor.

Witnesses, Thomas Haviland, Isaac Carpenter, William Miller, of Harrison's Purchase, Esquire. Proved, Westchester County, August 24, 1784.

Page 156.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MAAS VAN BEUREN, of the east district of the Manor of Rensselaerwyke, Albany County, Gentleman, being weak in

body. I leave to my true and loving wife Cattaline, so long as my widow all my estate, she making no waste or running it in debt, and after that period I bequeath to my son Johanis, my two negros, Sam and Jack, and my silver cup. I devise to my daughter Itie, one third of the remainder of my estate, to my daughter Catherine, one third, and to my daughter Aarijaentie, one third. I give my wife Catalina in case she should come to marry, one bedstead, bed and appurtenances complete, and all her cloathing. I appoint my loving friend, Jocham Staats, of Albany, and my son, Johanis, executors.

Dated October 2, 1783. Witnesses, David McCarty, John H. Beeckman, William Harrison (the two last farmers).

Codicil. I, Maas Van Beuren, this 4th day of October, 1783, do make this codicil. I leave to my son Johanis, my three bedsteeds, beds, etc., three large tables, three looking glasses, chairs, "handjrons," and all my household furniture, and my own wearing apparel, it being part of the personal estate bequeathed to my daughter.

Witnesses, Eyché Van Buren, of East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck, David McCarty. Proved, Albany County, May 10, 1784. Confirmed, New York, August, 28, 1784.

Page 158.—I, ELIJAH TOMPKINS, the son of Thomas Tompkins, of Phillipsburgh, Wischester County. I leave to my beloved wife Susannah all my household goods and one of my best horses, and the side saddle, all to her own use forever. Also the use of my farm and buildings where I now live and the remaining moveables so long as she remains my widow. When she shall marry or die, then all my estate shall be sold (except three ewes and three lambs), and the money be put at interest for my children (*not named*) and be paid them as they come of age, as follows: to each of my sons twice as much as to my daughters, and the

above three ewes and three lambs I leave to my son Thomas when he comes of age. I appoint my beloved wife Susannah and my brother, Nathaniel Tompkins, executors.

Dated April 28, 1773. After the above executors were named, the testator, thinking it might be more safe to add another, appointed Noah Bishop. Witnesses, Thomas Tompkins, of Phillips Manor, yeoman; Susannah Tomkins, Benedict Carpenter. Proved, Westchester County, August 27, 1784.

Administration granted to Susannah Downing, late Susannah Tompkins, as executrix, New York, August 30, 1784.

Page 159.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MATTHEW BENDOR, of Acquacanonk, Essex County, New Jersey, cooper, being sick of body. I leave to my good friend, James Boggs, a lot of ground in the Broadway, New York, adjoining John Lashers on one side and Daniel Evels lot on the other, twenty-one feet front, and forty feet front to rear, with my bed and bedding, wearing apparel and whatever else may be found to be mine. I make the said James Boggs, executor.

Dated July 7, 1779. Witnesses, Robert Neill, Gerrit Van Reipe, of Essex County, carpenter, Nich^s Roche. Proved, New York, August 31, 1784.

Page 161.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN VAN WAGENEN, of Staten Island, Richmond County, being in a reasonable state of health. I leave to my wife Mary all my real estate, houses and lands in Richmond County or elsewhere till my youngest son Jacob arrives at the age of twenty-one, on condition she remains my widow, also £300 paid at the same time, and my negro woman, Mary, and her daughter Mary; also the use of two rooms in my house, one with a fireplace, the other a bead room. I order my eldest son, John, to pay his mother, my said wife, yearly during her widowhood £10, and to find her sufficient fire wood at her door and pasture for two cows and forage for

them in winter, and all the furniture of every kind she brought me at the time or soon after our marriage. To my eldest son, John, my homestead whereon I now live on the south side of the road that leads from the Narrows to Amboy, also a piece of land that contains $32\frac{1}{2}$ acres "contegious thereto," with two lots and a half of salt meadow at the great Kills, the above on condition that he provides for his mother as directed. To my youngest son, Jacob, the lands and meadows which I bought of Gerardus Beekman on the north side of the road leading from the ferry, commonly called Simonsons, to Richmond town, the meadow lies at the great kills, eight acres; likewise £300 when of age and a negro boy named Stephen. To my eldest daughter, Pegge, £350 when Jacob is of age, and a negro girl named Judith. To my second daughter, Anne, ye wife of Nicholas Journey, £250 and a negro girl named Phillis. To my youngest daughter, Mary, £300 and a negro girl named Susannah. The residue of my estate, if any there be, to be divided between my two sons and three daughters as aforesaid, share and share alike; and as there is two aged black ones, slaves, the man named Will, and Dinah ye woman, my executors to give them liberty to chuse their own masters. I appoint my wife Mary, my eldest son, John Van Wagenen, and my trusty friend, Jacob Freeland, executors.

Dated June 12, 1782. Witnesses, Harmanus Garretson, Henry Krouse, both of Richmond County, yeomen, Isaac Doty, House carpenter, of Queens County. My will is further that my son John to whom I have given the bulk of my estate in lands shall pay his said brother and three sisters £300 the first payment when my youngest son Jacob comes of age or at ye death of my wife Mary, which sum he shall pay in equal six payments, to each an equal share. And as I have a right by purchase in 500 acres of land in a Patent called "Brampt" which I purchased under the Province of New York, situate on ye "extier" part of Connicticut

I give said tract to my five said children. Proved, New York, August 24, 1784; also Richmond County, May 21, 1784.

Page 163.—In the name of God, Amen. I, SAMUEL BAYARD, of the City of New York, gentleman, being desirous to settle my worldly affairs whilst I have strength and capacity so to do. Whereas my son Peter hath behaved himself in a very undutiful and disorderly manner I do give and bequeath him the sum of five shillings in full discharge of all right or claim he may pretend to have to any of my estate. All the rest of my estate, real and personal, I devise to Samuel Breeze, of Monmouth, New Jersey, William Malcolm, of the City of New York, merchant, and Aaron Burr, of the said City, Esquire, my executors, in trust for the sole use of my beloved wife Catharine, during her life, and after the death of my said wife to the children of the said Samuel Breeze, and of the said William Malcolm by his present wife Sarah, which shall be living at the death of my wife if she survive me, or at my death if I survive her, that is, one moiety thereof to the children of Samuel Breeze, and the other to the children of William Malcolm; as for the moiety to the children of said Samuel Breeze, Samuel Bayard Breeze and Susan Bayard Breeze, two of his children shall each have two shares thereof and the rest of the moiety be divided among the remaining children equally; as for the moiety to the children of the said William Malcolm by his wife Sarah, Samuel Bayard Malcolm and Catharine Bayard Malcolm, two of his children, shall have each two shares, and the rest thereof be equally divided among the remaining children by his said wife Sarah. I appoint my said trusty friends (as above) executors.

Dated May 24, 1784. Witnesses, John Johnston, Augustin James Fiederich Prevost, of New York City, gentleman; John Ryan. Proved, New York, August 20, 1784.

Page 165.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MICHAL SHRUM, of the out ward of the City of New York, cartman. After my debts are paid I leave to Margaret, my well-beloved wife, all the rest of my estate, real and personal, during her life and after her decease to my son Jacob. I make my wife Margaret, executrix.

Dated October 17, 1772. Witnesses, James Webb, John Logan, G. Furman. Proved, New York, September 1, 1784, when the will was sworn to by John Alsop, of New York City, Esquire, and Barbary Myer, wife of James Myer, of the said City, cartman; and daughter of the testator. Administration granted to Barbary Myer, wife of James Myer, of New York City, cartman, and daughter of Michal Shrum, of the same place, cartman, as the executrix, Margaret Shrum, had died; New York, September 2, 1784.

Page 167.—In the name of God, Amen. I, PETRUS LEROY, of Poghkeepsie Precinct, Dutchess County, being weak in body do this 22d day of May, 1781, make my last will and testament. I leave to my loving wife Deborah, all my estate, real and personal, during her life. After her death I give to each of my four youngest children hereafter named an outset apiece, equal to that I gave Saletije, my eldest daughter. To my seven children, to wit: Francis, Simeon, Peter, Saletije, wife of Leonard Lewis; Maria, wife of Francois Van Debo-gart; Rachel, wife of Johannis Pels and Annatije all my estate, real and personal equally divided after the death of my wife. If any of my children die without lawful issue the share of such to go to the survivors, provided that if any in his or her lifetime have sold his or her shares such sales shall be good. Whereas two of my said sons, Francis and Peter, now are at New York and “probably having adhered to the king of Great Brittain and thereby become disabled from holding or possessing any estate in this county” in which case I order that my other five children shall have the joint use of their said shares till my said two

sons or their children shall be qualified to hold the estates, and if either die disqualified his share to go to his children not disabled from holding the same. I appoint my wife, and my brothers-in-law, Johannis Teupeuning and Peter Van Kleeck, executors.

Witnesses, William Low, Thomas Pinkney, Rich^d Snedeker, the two last of Dutchess County, gentlemen. Proved, August 25, 1784. Confirmed, New York, September 3, 1784.

Page 169.—In the name of God, Amen. I, HENRICH KNIESKERN, at Shoharry, Albany County, farmer; being at present weak in body, May 8, 1780. I leave to my eldest son, Peter Knieskern, £5. "I mean and understand good hard silver" for his birthright. To my loving wife Elizabeth, my moveable estate for her life, and she shall have "her supporting" yearly out of my estate in "Knieskernsdorph" by my both sons, John and Jacob, and "if she not care nor will live by my sons, John and Jacob," then shall they pay their mother yearly for life £12 good lawful hard or silver money of New York, each £6 for her supporting. To my eldest son, Peter, £48, which he is indebted to me for the payment at his land. To my son Henrich, £58, which he is indebted to me and I have paid for him, and he also received. To my both sons, John and Jacob, equally, my farm at Knieskerns Dorph, with the houses, barn and tenements, in the old and new Patent at Shoharry, Albany County, as I possess and occupy the same, on the following condition, if my son John shall get an heir of the male kind, or a son, "he my son John and Jacob" shall hold the said land for their heirs and assigns forever, but if he my son John die without issue of the male kind, my son Jacob shall have it only and alone for his heirs and assigns forever. To my son William one lot of land, called No. 360, in Duanesburgh, 119½ acres. To my son Martinus, one lot, called No. 379, in Duanesburgh, 92 acres. To my both sons, John and Jacob, together one lot

called No. 380, in Duanesburgh, 115½ acres. To my daughter Elizabeth, wife of Phillipp Kayser, £40, to be paid by my son John, three or four years after my decease out of his part of the land. To my daughter Catrina, "wyf" of Joost Bekker, £40, paid by my son Jacob, three or four years after my decease. To my both sons, John and Jacob, equally, my farming utensils and tools, as two waggons, two "sleeds," ploughs and harrows with the tackling and furniture thereof; Also axes, hoes and other implements of husbandry. To my son John, one iron pot which he has mended, as also another little pot which he has paid to have. To my two sons, John and Jacob, my writings, deeds, bonds, etc., or "any sort of writing." To my two daughters, Elizabeth and Catrina, equally, after the death of my wife, all my household stuff, as bed goods, pewter goods, iron pots, cooper goods and other goods. To John and Jacob, my loom and the articles that belong to "weaven" and to the loom. The remainder of my personal estate to be equally divided between my six sons and two daughters. I make my sons, John and Jacob Knieskern, and my son-in-law, Joost Bekker, executors.

Witnesses, Jost Kniskern, yeoman; Hannes (Johannes in proof) Merckel, George fr. (F. in proof) Reinhard, schoolmaster. Proved, Albany County, August 4, 1784. Confirmed, New York, September 4, 1784.

Page 171.—In the name of God, Amen. This 4th day of April, 1784. I, NICHOLAUS MERCKEL, at Shoharry, Albany County, being weak in body. I leave to my godson, Nicholas Merckel, son of my eldest brother, Johannes, £8, which shall be paid to him or to his father or mother, six weeks after my decease. To "my lovely Maria," daughter of my brother, Henry Merckel, £8, paid to her or to her father or mother six weeks after my decease. To my godson, Jacob Sittuich, son of my brother-in-law, William Sittuich, £8. To my godson, Nicholas Richt Meyer, son of my

brother-in-law, Christian Richt Meyer, £8. To all my brothers and sisters and to "them two" children of my brother Peter named, Johannes and Henry Merckel, and Jacob Merckel; Barbel, wife of Christian Sands; Elizabeth, wife of Christian Richt Meyer; Lisaketh, wife of Willem Sittuich, and Jacob and Catharine Merckel, two children of my brother, Peter Merckel, all my reele and personal estate equally divided. I appoint Christian Richt Meyer and Willem Sittuich, my two brothers-in-law, executors.

Witnesses, Ludwig Bremer, yeoman; Lawrence Schoolcraft, George F. Reinhard, schoolmaster.

Codicil. I order that the two children of my brother, Peter Merckel, Jacob and Catrine, shall be reckoned in my will for one part, and shall have just one seventh part and no more of my personal estate, after they may have their years of majority.

Dated April 6, 1784. Witnesses to codicil, George F. Reinhard, Ludwig Bremer. Proved, Albany County, August 4, 1784. Confirmed, New York, September 4, 1784.

Page 173.—In the name of God, Amen. I, CORNELIUS THORP, of the City of New York, cartman. I leave to my grandson, Cornelius Thorp, son to my eldest son Richard, £50, as also to my other grandson, Cornelius Thorp, son to my younger son, John, £25, both six months after my decease. Out of my estate, real and personal, there shall be allowed a sufficient maintenance for my loving wife Prudence, during her life, fixed at the discretion of my executors. The rest of my estate to my three sons, to wit: Richard, Daniel and John Thorp, share and share alike without any advantage of survivorship. I make my said three sons executors.

Dated October 10, 1770. Witnesses, Ann Carpenter, Eliz. Depeyster, Gerard De Peyster, of New York City, merchant. Proved, New York, September 7, 1784, and administration granted to Daniel Thorp the same day.

Page 175.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANN SMITH, of the City of New York, widow, being at present weak in body. My debts and funeral expenses to be paid for which I give my executors power to sell my household, kitchen or other furniture for the most money that can be gotten. I leave to my two sons, Thomas and Richard, my whole estate, real and personal. My executors to have the management of my estate which shall be rented, put out or increased in such manner as to them shall appear most for the advantage of my said two children till they are twenty-one. In case of the death of both my said sons before twenty-one, unmarried, then I give half of my whole estate to the Managers, Governors or Directors of the Charity School in New York City, now under the tuition of Joseph Hildreth as Master; the rest of my estate in such case to the Trustees, Manager or Directors of the Independent Church in New York City, known by the name of Christ Church, lately withdrawn from the Church of England, and now under the pastoral care of the Reverend Barnard Page. I appoint Elias Desbrosses and Edward Laight, executors.

Dated July 24, 1773. Witnesses, James Stewart, George Bond, of New York City, attorney; James Douglass. Proved, New York, September 9, 1784, administration being granted to Edward Laight.

Page 177.—*Dutch will—Translated an abstract is as follows:* December 1, 1748, ALDERT KIERSTEDEN, of Marbletown, Ulster County, yeoman, sick. I leave to my daughter Cathrina, wife of Nathan Snedus, all my real estate, land, houses, orchards, etc., at Marbletown, where I now live as the same has been conveyed to me by Cornelius Eltinge, provided she or heirs pay to his daughter Blandina, wife of Wilhelms Houghtaling, Jr., £300, in two months after the decease of myself and my wife Argaentje, said Blandina shall receive for life or afterwards to her children a third part of land in Kingstown formerly belonging to Cornelis

Vernoy as the same has recently been transferred to me by the heirs of Lodevijk Hornbeek, and further to her, £370. Rest of estate equally to my two said daughters, executors and executor's wife Ayaentje, brother-in-law, Davidt De Lametter and Jan Eltinge or the survivor among them.

ALDERT KERSTEDÉ.

Witnesses, Hendrik Krom, Cornelius Coles, Benjamin Krom. Proved, July 13, 1784.

Page 178.—In the name of God, Amen. The 23d of June, 1775. I, JOHANNIS FOLK, of Church land in Ulster County, yeoman, being weak in body. I leave to my eldest son, Wilhelmus, "as a token of my first born" and above the rest of my children, £3 in money; Also the farm where he now lives, that is the north end of said farm on Sauertys Creek. To my son, Johannis Folk, Jr., the south end of the farm on Saugerty's Creek where he now dwells. To my son Aaron, the farm where I now live on Beverkill with the house, out houses, barn, stables, orchard, wood and water; Also one cow, two sheep, two hogs, plow with "sheer and coulter," an iron "slaggh," an iron waggon; Also two fat hogs and a fat cow for winter provision, with all the crops, such as wheat, rye, corn, in the house, barn or barrack. Aaron is to keep Mary, my wife, in sufficient meat, drink and washing and lodging during her life. To my son Jacob, £100, which Aaron is to pay him out of the Beverkill farm; if Jacob marry he is to have it at his own disposal, but while he stays unmarried either of his three brothers whom he chuses to live with shall have the said £100 to be reserved for the said Jacob till he necessarily want it and not else. Also to Jacob, one cow, one sheep and one horse, his choice of all the horses, with my wearing apparel, £10 out of the "lose" estate, and a large chest. To Mary, my wife, one cow, two sheep, her bed and bedding, and the cupboard which stands at the feet of my bed; Also one pot, one tramble, two dishes, two plates, a large

armed chair and a small chair, and £10, with her spinning wheel; Also Rose the negro wench is to work for and wait on Mary my wife as long as she lives, and after her death my executors shall sell Rose and the money be equally divided between my four sons. To Leah, my youngest daughter, as her outsetting, one cow, one sheep, one bed, one pot, one tramble, two dishes, six plates, six spoons, two chairs and a frying pan and her spinning wheel; Also one fourth of the "lose" estate. To Raenah my daughter's children equally among them one fourth of the "lose" estate. To Mary, my daughter, her one fourth of the "lose" estate in the bond her husband owes me, dated January 5, 1765, Thomas Baxter. To Christy, my daughter, James Jones, his wife, one fourth of my "lose" estate. To Jonas Folk, Wilhelmus's son, one sheep. To Laurance Folk, one sheep. The charges of my funeral to be out of both "my lose and fast estate." I make Wilhelmus Folk, Johannis Folk and Aaron Folk, executors.

Witnesses, Jacob Maurer, Petrus Maurer, Lenerd Maurer, all of Saugerties, farmers. Proved, Ulster County, August 8, 1784. Administration granted to Wilhelmus and Aaron Folk, New York, September 10, 1784.

Page 180.—In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN GOULD, of the west quarter of Richmond County, being in a reasonable state of health. After my debts and funeral expenses are paid I leave to my son Peter, a young sorrel horse. All the rest of my estate to my dearly beloved wife Catherine, so long as she lives or remains my widow, on condition she makes no unnecessary waste thereof; when she dies or marries I give my estate to my three sons, namely, John, Peter and Abraham Gold, or the survivors, share and share alike. And whereas there appears by the will of Mr. Abraham Mance, deceased, my father-in-law, that a legacy is given to my wife, my will is for her to enjoy

it so long as she lives or is my widow, and at her death or marriage for it to descend to my three sons as above. I appoint my three sons, John, Peter and Abraham Gould, executors.

Dated March 10, 1783. Witnesses, Stephen Bedell, John Wood, John Bedell. Proved, New York, September 10, 1784.

Page 182.—In the name of God, Amen. I, ANTHONY YELVERTON, of the New Paltz Precinct, Ulster County, being weak of body, being mindful of my mortality and humbly, with harty sorrow for my sins recommending my soul to the hands of Almighty God. I will that my beloved wife Abigail, shall have and enjoy my all estate, real and personal, during the time she remains my widow, and if she marry again then no more than what she may recover by right of dower. To my eldest son, Gale Yelverton, twenty shillings, over and above his share for his birthright, and he shall not have or claim any more of my estate than by this will is bequeathed unto him. In case my personal estate be insufficient to pay my debts and funeral expenses then my executors shall sell so much of my lands as will defray the same and the overplus to be for my children and grandchildren herein named. To my sons, Gale and Anthony Yelverton, Jr., to my daughters, Mary and Abigail, to my granddaughter Mary, daughter of my son, Andrew Yelverton, deceased, to my grandson, Anthony Ostrom, son of my daughter Elizabeth, and "to the heirs of the body of my daughter Hannah," all the residue of my estate, real or personal, which shall be left after my wife's marriage or death, shared amongst them alike; and in case my grandson, Anthony Ostrom, die before twenty-one without lawful heirs, his portion shall be equally divided among the other children of my said daughter Elizabeth, forever, with this restriction that whereas I stand bound jointly with my son, Andrew Yelverton, deceased, to the Commonalty of the Corporation of

Kingston in Ulster County in the sum of £100, for the use of my said son towards paying for a farm which he bought of Myndert F. V. Den Bogert, at Kranefly in Poghkeepsie Precinct, and if my executors shall be obliged to pay this £100 with the interest then so much shall be deducted from my said grandchild Mary's share of estate. I appoint my wife Abigail and my sons, Gale and Anthony Yelverton, Jr., and my son-in-law, Nathaniel Goodspeed, and William Keech, executors.

Dated May 1, 1774. Witnesses, Peter Drew, of New Paltz, farmer; Thomas Chambers, Simeon Crandall. Proved, Ulster County, August 24, 1784. Administration granted to Gale Yelverton, September 10, 1784.

Page 184.—In the name of God, Amen. I, MARY TANNER, of the City of New York, widow, being sick and weak in body. I leave to my daughter Mary, the wife of John Hinchman, and my daughter Elizabeth, all my wearing apparel, plate or wrought silver, rings and buckles equally divided. As to the rest of my estate I authorize my executors to sell the same, the monies to be divided between my two sons and my two daughters and grandson as follows: one fifth to my son John, one fifth to my son Benjamin, one fifth to my said daughter Mary, one fifth to my said daughter Elizabeth, one fifth to my grandson, William Dwellen, the son of my daughter Ann, lately deceased, and with respect to the two fifths to my said daughter Elizabeth and grandson, William Dwelling, each of their parts shall be put out on good land security for their support till they attain the age of twenty-one or marry. I appoint Anthony Tiebout, Thomas Vardell and my son, John Tanner, executors.

Dated December 10, 1774. Witnesses, John Grenell, John D. Chrimsheir, Peter A. Schenk, of New York City, grocer. Administration granted to Anthony Tiebout and Thomas Vardell, New York, September 11, 1784.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

GRANTED JULY 20, 1782, AND FROM FEBRUARY 5, 1783, TO
DECEMBER 31, 1784.

NAME OF INTESTATE.	TO WHOM GRANTED.	DATE.
Luke Kuling, New York, mariner.....	George Traville, N. Y., boatman.....	Feb. 5, 1783
John Van Wicklar, of Queens Co., yeoman.....	Brother, Garret.....	Feb. 21, "
James Clephan, Surgeon of His Majesty's Naval Hospital.....	Daniel Ebbets, of New York, planter and glazier.....	Feb. 25, "
John Kline, of Albany, merchant.....	Brother, Joseph, merchant, now of New York.....	May 6, "
Joseph Langdon, of Hempstead.....	Brother, Samuel, yeoman....	May 7, "
John Monach, of New York..	John Gray and James Colquhoun, merchants, of New York.....	May 7, "
Joshuas Hamilton, late Quartermaster of the provincial detachments in His Majesty's Army.....	Widow, Frances, of New York.....	May 13, "
Samuel Thurston, of Richmond Co.....	Nephew, John Montross Thurston, farmer of Dutchess Co.....	May 23, "
Anthony Drew, of New York, gardener.....	Widow, Magdaleen, of New York.....	June 10, "
William Fiat, late midshipman of His Majesty's sloop of war the <i>Vestal</i>	John Logan, of New York, tailor.....	July 17, "
John McKenzie, of New York, cartman.....	John McIntosh, of New York, carpenter.....	July 22, "
Robert Nicholson, of New York, ship carpenter.....	Mary Smith, of New York, married woman.....	July 28, "
Richard Sharwin, of New York, saddler.....	Widow, Anne, of New York ..	July 29, "
Robert Landbrugh, late master of <i>Snow George</i>	Thomas Mackie, of New York, merchant.....	Aug. 4, "
Charles Blundell, late Lieut. of His Majesty's Royal Garrison Battalion.....	Brother, Archibald, Lieut. in same Battalion.....	Aug. 26, "
Andrew Coghlan, of New York, tin-plate worker	William Givilt, of New York, merchant.....	Sept. 7, "

NAME OF INTESTATE.	TO WHOM GRANTED.	DATE.
David Mills, of New York, shopkeeper.....	Widow, Anne, of New York.	Sept. 29, 1783
Koert Voorhis, the elder, of Utrecht, yeoman.....	Son, Albert Voorhis, of Somerset Co., N. J., yeoman....	Sept. 29, "
Sylvester Harrington, of New York, innkeeper.....	Collin Menzies, of New York, mariner, and Mary, his wife, late Mary Harrington, widow.....	Nov. 7, "
John Little, late mate of the ship <i>Pandora</i>	John Kent, Purser of His Majesty's ship of war <i>Pandora</i>	March 24, "
James Eaton, late Sergeant of the 63d Reg't of Foot....	David Wilson, of New York, merchant.....	March 24, "
John Lynch, late Major of the Roman Catholic Volunteers	Thomas Lynch, of New York, merchant, nearest of kin...	July 30, 1782
John Harvey, of New York, merchant.....	William Burke, of New York, mariner, nearest of kin....	March 26, 1783
Duncan McColl, of Brooklyn, laborer.....	Donald McColl, formerly of New Jersey, yeoman, now of New York, nearest of kin.....	March 28, "
William Cogill, late master's mate of His Majesty's ship <i>Jersey</i>	Daniel Cogill, private in the 71st Reg't of His Majesty's Army, nearest of kin.....	March 28, "
Zebulon Powell, of Oyster Bay.....	Brother-in-law, Wait Willets, of Oyster Bay, yeoman, upon the renunciation of Anne Powell, widow.....	March 20, "
Catharine Morris, of Kings Co., widow.....	Brother-in-law, John Weatherhead, of Bloomingdale, New York City.....	March 31, "
James Pillion, of Richmond Co., farmer.....	Widow, Sarah, of Richmond Co.....	March 29, "
Patrick Tonry, of Bedford, Kings Co., yeoman.....	Matthias O'Conner, yeoman of Bedford, upon the renunciation of Mary Tonry.	April 1, "
Sir Jacob Wheate, late Captain of His Majesty's ship of war the <i>Cerberus</i>	Widow, Mary, of New York.	April 7, "
Lewis Dubois, of Richmond Co., farmer.....	Sons, Lewis and Charles, of Richmond Co., farmers, upon the renunciation of Lucy Dubois, widow.....	April 14 "

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William Fullerton, of New York, mariner.....	Robert Leonard, of New York, sailmaker.....	April 14, 1783
Patrick Wall, private in the 1st New York Reg't.....	Robert Wilson, Ensign in same reg't.....	Feb. 14, 1784
William Bailey, Cornwall Precinct.....	Jacob White, Cornwall Precinct.....	Feb. 17, "
William Scott, New York, Sergeant Col. Lamb's Reg't of Artillery.....	Isaac Hubbell, New York, Capt. in Col. Lamb's Reg't of Artillery.....	Feb. 17, "
Joel Curtis, Cornwall Precinct.	Father, Nathaniel, Cornwall Precinct.....	Feb. 18, "
Naniane Curtis, Jr., private in Capt. Strong's Co.....	Father, Naniane, Cornwall Precinct.....	Feb. 18, "
Henry Brevoort, New York, tinman.....	Brother, John, New York, baker.....	Feb. 20, "
Antje Hogeland, New York..	Sister, Adriana Day, wife of William Day, New York, shopkeeper.....	Feb. 20, "
Amos Pine, Beekman's Precinct.....	Maurice Pleas, Esquire, Beekman's Precinct, and brother, Sylvanus Pine, Rum-bout, yeoman.....	Feb. 21, "
Mary Nelson, Rye, N. Y.....	Absalom Gedney, kinsman, Phillips Manor, yeoman....	Feb. 21, "
Reuben Holmes, Bedford, N.Y.	Widow, Comfort.....	March 5, "
Hesekiah Gray, Bedford, N.Y.	Samuel Banett, Bedford, N. Y., and Abigail, his wife, late widow of Hesekiah Gray.....	March 5, "
David Haight, Harrison's Purchase, N. Y.....	Widow, Charlotte.....	March 5, "
Hannah Sheldon, widow, Pawlings Precinct.....	Son-in-law, Samuel Sheldon, yeoman, Pawlings Precinct.	March 6, "
John Van Huysen, Dragoon in Col. Lee's Reg't of Light Horse.....	Brother, Harmanus, New York, grocer.....	March 6, "
Abraham Warner, New York, carpenter.....	Brother John, Philips' Manor N.Y., yeoman, and brother in-law, James Weandell, Orangetown, cordwainer ..	March 9 "
Leffert Lefferts, Jamaica, yeoman.....	Son, Leffert, Flatbush, yeoman.....	March 10, "
Andrew Breasted, New York, merchant.....	Brother-in-law, William Heyer, Esquire, New York.....	March 10, "

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Nathaniel Brush, Huntington, yeoman.....	Brother-in-law, Gilbert Platt, Huntington, yeoman.....	March 11, 1784
Moses Clandenny, Richmond Co, blacksmith.....	Brother, Walter, Bergen, N.J.	March 13, "
Joseph Reade, New York, attorney.....	Brother, John, New Jersey, merchant.....	March 15, "
Stephen Baldwin, Esquire, Paramus, N. J.....	Abraham W. dePeyster, Esquire, New York, and Christina, his wife, daughter of Stephen Baldwin.....	March 16, "
Anthony Drew, New York, gardener.....	Widow, Magdalene, New York.....	March 16, "
George Kerr, Portsmouth, Va., merchant.....	Brother, Samuel, New York, merchant.....	March 16, "
Benjamin Eckerson, private in the New York Troops...	Brother, Thomas, Bergen Co., N. J., yeoman.....	March 16, "
Ebeneser Haviland, Rye, N. Y., Surgeon in the 2d N. Y. Reg't.....	Widow, Tamer, Rye, N. Y...	March 16, "
Libius Drew, Capt. in 4th Mass. Reg't.....	Widow, Mary, Flatlands, L. I.	March 20, "
Caleb Hyat, White Plains, yeoman.....	Son-in-law, Benjamin Lyon, White Plains, yeoman....	March 20, "
Aaron Buyse, Philips Manor, N. Y., yeoman.....	Widow, Catharine Buyse, and son, Jacob.....	March 20, "
Thomas Jencks, Amenia Precinct, N. Y., yeoman.....	Widow, Sarah, and Joshua Lasell, Amenia Precinct, yeoman.....	March 20, "
Noah Smith, Jamaica, yeoman.....	Widow, Elisabeth.....	March 22, "
Elias Baylis, Springfield, L. I., yeoman.....	Widow, Mary.....	March 22, "
William Furman, Flushing, L. I., yeoman.....	Son, Robert, Flushing, L. I...	March 22, "
Joseph Conkling, Corporal in Col. Van Cortlandt's Reg't.	Brother, Daniel, Cornwall Precinct, yeoman.....	March 22, "
Johannis Snyder, Jr., Shawangunk Precinct, carpenter.	Father, Daniel, Shawangunk Precinct, yeoman.....	March 22, "
Adolph Seeber, Canejohary District, shoemaker.....	Brother, Conrad, Canejohary District, yeoman.....	March 22, "
Mariah Claw, Loningburgh, Albany Co., N. Y.....	Daughter, Mariah Buskark...	March 22, "
Jasper Drake, New York, tavern-keeper.....	Son-in-law, Isaac Sears, of New York, merchant.....	March 23, "

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Isaac Van Ausdall, Springfield, L. I., yeoman.....	Brother, Abraham, Springfield, L. I., yeoman.....	March 23, 1784
Abraham Van Wart, Phillips Manor, N. Y., yeoman.....	Widow, Mary, Phillips Manor, N. Y.....	March 26, "
John Hunt, Phillips Manor, N. Y., yeoman.....	Daughter, Elizabeth Cropper, widow, Phillips Manor, N. Y.....	March 26, "
Samuel Brewer, North Castle, N. Y., yeoman.....	Widow, Hannah, North Castle, N. Y.....	March 26, "
Daniel Devoe, Phillips Manor, N. Y., yeoman.....	Abraham Odell, Phillips Manor, N. Y., yeoman.....	March 26, "
George Smeart, New York, blacksmith.....	Widow, Helena, New York...	March 26, "
Gilleum Bortholf, Goshen Precinct, yeoman.....	Son, Samuel, Goshen Precinct, yeoman.....	March 30, "
Thomas Hicks, Esquire, Flushing, Bayside, L. I. ...	Son-in-law, John Thorne, Flushing, L. I., yeoman...	March 31, "
Caleb Archer, Philipsburgh, N. Y., farmer.....	Widow, Alee, Philipsburgh, N. Y.....	April 6, "
Mathew Fountain, Bedford, N. Y., yeoman.....	Widow, Elizabeth, Bedford, N. Y.....	April 9, "
Thomas Leggett, North Castle, N. Y., yeoman.....	Father, James, North Castle, N. Y., yeoman.....	April 9, "
Ephraim Knowlton, Bedford, N. Y., yeoman.....	Widow, Charity, Bedford....	April 9, "
Lewis Miller, Dutchess Co., yeoman.....	Philip Leak, Bedford, N. Y., yeoman.....	April 9, "
Samuel Boyd, private in Col. Lewis Dubois' Reg't.....	Brother, Robert Boyd, Jr., Esquire, New Windsor, N. Y.....	April 9, "
Joshua Humphreys, New York, merchant.....	William Young, New York, merchant.....	April 10, "
William Fuller, private in Col. Seth Warner's Reg't...	Capt. Seth Sherwood, Fort Edward, N. Y.....	April 14, "
Thomas Smith, New York, merchant.....	Widow, Elizabeth.....	April 14, "
Elijah Leggett, Philipsburgh, N. Y., farmer.....	Brother, John, Harlem, New York City, farmer.....	April 17, "
William Collins, private in Col. Seth Warner's Reg't..	Lieut. William Lightfall, Schenectady, N. Y.....	April 19, "

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William Magee, private in Col. Seth Warner's Reg't..	Lieut. William Lightfall, Schenectady, N. Y.....	April 19, 1784
Robert Williams, Sergeant, 3d N. Y. Reg't.....	Lieut. James Monell, New York.....	April 20, "
Daniel Gomez, Philadelphia ..	Son, Moses, New York.....	April 21, "
Henry Vanderspeigel, Hunter- don, Co., gentleman.....	Widow, Mary, now the wife of Daniel McEowen, New York, innkeeper.....	April 22, "
Daniel Campbell, Matross in Col. Lamb's Reg't of Ar- tillery.....	Widow, Mary, Dutchess Co...	April 23, "
James Downs, Corporal in Col. Spencer's Regiment...	Lieut. James Monell, New York.....	April 24, "
William Foshay, Philips Man- or, N. Y., yeoman	Son, John, Philips Manor, N. Y., yeoman	April 27, "
David Youngs, Goshen Pre- cinct.....	Stephen Hulse, Cornwall Pre- cinct.....	April 27, "
Asa Rumsey, Cornwall Pre- cinct, laborer.....	Father, Nathan, Cornwall Precinct, carpenter.....	April 27, "
William Milsbaugh, Matross in Col. Lamb's Reg't of Artillery.....	Brother, John, Precinct of Wallkill, N. Y.....	April 27, "
Robert Casson, New York, mariner.....	Widow, Mary, New York....	April 30, "
Jacob Rice, Phillips Manor, yeoman.....	William Davids and half- brother, Nicholas Storms, both of Phillips Manor, yeomen.....	April 30, "
Nathaniel Smith, Brook- haven, L. I.....	Son, Samuel, Brookhaven, tailor.....	May 3, "
Stephen Ketcham, Jr., Hunt- ington, L. I., yeoman	Brother, Samuel, Salem, N. Y., yeoman.....	May 3, "
Capt. Robert Johnson, Haver- straw Precinct.....	John Coleman, Haverstraw Precinct, yeoman.....	May 3, "
Joost Debevoise, Kings Co....	Widow, Elizabeth, and broth- ers-in-law, Johannis E. Lott and John VanderBilt, all of Kings Co.....	May 3, "
Joseph Marschalk, Rumbouts Precinct, merchant.....	Widow, Mary, New York....	May 6, "
John Cedore, private in Col. Van Cortlandt's Reg't.....	Father, Coenradt, Philips- burgh, N. Y., tailor.....	May 7, "

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Elijah Leggett, Philipsburgh, N. Y., yeoman	James Requaw, Philips- burgh, N. Y., yeoman.....	May 7, 1784
Gabriel Requaw, Philips- burgh, N. Y., yeoman.....	Widow, Elizabeth, Philips- burgh, N. Y.....	May 7, "
David Fansher, Harrison's Precinct, yeoman.....	Brother, William, Pound- ridge, N. Y., yeoman.....	May 7, "
Samuel Purdy, Jr., Philips- burgh, N. Y., yeoman.....	Father, Samuel, White Plains, N. Y., yeoman.....	May 7, "
David Conden, Tryon Co., N. Y.....	Widow, Mary.....	May 7, "
Benjamin Stratton, East- hampton, L. I., yeoman...	Widow, Jemima, Easthamp- ton, L. I.....	May 10, "
Jehiel Howell, Sergeant Col. Livingston's Reg't.....	Esra L'Hommedieu, South- hold, L. I.....	May 10, "
Minne VanSicklen, Oyster Bay, L. I., yeoman.....	Son, Ferdinand, Oyster Bay, L. I., yeoman.....	May 12, "
Joseph Montanya, Rumbout's Precinct, blacksmith.....	Son, John, New York, black- smith.....	May 12, "
Catharine Morris, widow, Kings Co.....	Brother, Richard Franses, Middletown Point, N. J., yeoman.....	May 12, "
John Flagley, Matross in Col. Lamb's Reg't of Artillery..	Widow, Anna, now the wife of Zuriel Raimond, Wil- liamstown, Mass.....	May 15, "
Isaac Bogart, Richmond Co., carpenter.....	Edmund Seaman, New York, merchant.....	May 20, "
Cornelius Bennet, Brooklyn, N. Y., carpenter.....	Brother, Abraham, Brooklyn, N. Y., carpenter.....	May 21, "
Jacob Rider, Rumbout Pre- cinct, blacksmith.....	Widow, Millisan, Rumbout Precinct.....	May 22, "
Lewis Relay, formerly of New York, but late of Dutchess Co., cordwainer.....	Widow, Elizabeth, New York Husband, Stephen, Flushing, L. I., gentleman.....	May 22, " May 26, "
Mary Hicks.....	Sons, Gilbert and Japheth, Queens Co., yeomen	May 27, "
Elizabeth Cornell, Queens Co.		
John O'Brian, private in Col. Swift's Reg't.....	Sister, Abigail Dod, wife of Thomas Dod, New York, cordwainer.....	May 31, "
Benjamin Vermillia, New York, farmer.....	Widow, Elizabeth.....	June 1, "

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William Hinton, New York, mathematical - instrument maker.....	Brother - in - law, William Smith, North Hempstead, L. I., yeoman, and brother, John Hinton, New York, cutter.....	June 2, 1784
Winant Weaver, North East Precinct, N. Y., yeoman..	Henry Wever, North East Precinct, N. Y., yeoman ..	May 31, "
Jonathan Cutler, Pawlings Precinct, N. Y., yeoman...	Justus Gifford, Pawlings Precinct, yeoman.....	May 10, "
George Smith, North East Precinct, N. Y., farmer....	Herman Hoffman, Esquire, Rhinebeck Precinct.....	May 31, "
Charles Davis, Beekman's Precinct, carpenter.....	Son, James, Beekman's Precinct, farmer.....	May 31, "
Henry Sharburn, Hillsdale District, N. Y., farmer.....	Widow, Anna, Hillsdale District, N. Y.....	June 4, "
Abner Quiterfield, Albany Co., farmer.....	Widow, Esther, now wife of Gideon Moor.....	June 4, "
Israel Donham, private in Col. Goose Van Schaick's Reg't.....	Brother, Andris, Albany Co., farmer.....	June 4, "
Elsie DeMyer, Kingston, N.Y.	Son, Benjamin, Kingston, N. Y., farmer.....	June 4, "
James Logan, Lake Champlain, farmer.....	Sister, Ann Boyd, Albany Co.	June 4, "
Johannis Bergin, Queens Co., yeoman.....	Widow, Magdalene, Queens Co.....	June 14, "
John Jackson, Jerusalem, L. I., yeoman.....	Widow, Keziah, Jerusalem ..	June 14, "
John VanKleek, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., yeoman.....	Brother, Lawrence, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., blacksmith.	June 14, "
Jost Hendrick Wiers, North East Precinct, farmer....	James Headen, North East Precinct, N. Y., yeoman...	June 15, "
William Daniel, Scarborough, Eng., ship carpenter.....	John Howland, New York, mariner.....	June 16, "
Christopher Haslem.....	John Howland, New York, mariner.....	June 16, "
John Storey, late City of London, mariner.....	John Howland, New York, mariner.....	June 16, "
Thomas Howell, Goshen, N.Y.	Brother, Joshua, Goshen, N.Y.	June 19, "
Jonathan Benjamin, private in Col. Van Cortlandt's Reg't.....	Father, Daniel, Goshen, N. Y.	June 19, "

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Benjamin Hoghland, New York, carpenter.....	Widow, Elizabeth, New York	June 22, 1784
James Chesley, Charlotte Co., N. Y.....	Walter Swits, Schenectady, N. Y.....	June 22, "
George Remsen, Haverstraw Precinct, yeoman.....	Brother-in-law, Abraham Blauvelt, Haverstraw Precinct, yeoman.....	June 23, "
Gilbert Southard, Rumbout Precinct, farmer.....	Brother, Thomas, Rumbout Precinct, farmer, and Peter P. Dubois, Philips Precinct, farmer.....	June 24, "
Thomas Higgins, Matross in Col. Lamb's Reg't.....	Capt. John Machin, Newburgh Precinct.....	June 25, "
Esau Willbur, private in Col. Gansevoort's Reg't.....	Zebulon Marcy, Pawlings Precinct, yeoman, assignee of Gideon Willbur, father of Esau Willbur.....	June 25, "
Amos Levinus, Haverstraw Precinct.....	Son, Nathaniel, New York, carpenter.....	June 26, "
Phebe Talman, widow, Flushing, L. I.....	Son, Isaac I. Talman, Esquire, Pawlings Precinct, N. Y.....	June 28, "
Margaret Johnson Bibly, New York.....	Husband, Thomas, New York	July 1, "
Henry Parker, Charlotte Precinct, cooper.....	Ezekiel Shearman, Rhode Island, cooper.....	July 1, "
Ebenezer Averil, Corporal in Col. Hazen's Reg't.....	Capt. Palmer Cady, Kings District, Albany Co., N. Y.	July 2, "
William Smith, Huntington, L. I., Esquire.....	Son, Paschal Nelson Smith, New York, merchant.....	July 5, "
Edward Buckbee, Flushing, L. I., yeoman.....	Son, Benjamin, Flushing, L. I., yeoman, and son-in-law, Isaac Sherwood, Haverstraw Precinct, physician..	July 6, "
Jacob Stockwell, Skeensborough, private in Col. Warner's Reg't.....	Capt. Seth Sherwood, Fort Edward.....	July 8, "
Matthias Vredenburg, formerly of New York, but late of Redhook, N. Y.....	Widow, Rebecca, New York..	July 5, "
John Watkins, South Wales, in the Island of Great Britain, gentleman.....	Widow, Lydia, New York...	July 5, "
James Bryant, New York, ropemaker.....	Widow, Ruth, New York....	July 9, "

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Peter Trever, Rhinebeck Precinct, millwright.....	Father, John, Rhinebeck Precinct, farmer.....	July 9, 1784
Jacob Wright, Flushing, L. I., yeoman.....	Brother, Jonathan, Fredericksburgh Precinct, tavern-keeper.....	July 9, "
James Whitehead, New York, merchant.....	Widow, Mary, New York....	July 12, "
Jacob Morris, New York, carpenter.....	Mother-in-law, Susannah Marsine, New York, widow....	July 11, "
Samuel Smith, New York, saddler.....	Nephew, John Slone, New York, cordwainer.....	July 14, "
Mary Allaire, New York....	Son, Peter, New York, merchant.....	July 14, "
George Krouskop, New York, yeoman.....	Widow, Agnes, now wife of Jacob Boshart, New York, carpenter.....	July 20, "
Mary Lawrence, formerly of New York, late of Dutchess Co.....	Nephews, Jacob Marius Green Jr., Kingston, N. Y., saddler, and Jacob Marius Green, 3d, New York, cooper.....	July 21, "
Peter Ecker, Rensselaerwyck, farmer.....	Son, Coenradt, Rensselaerwyck, N. Y., farmer.....	July 22, "
James Gregg, Schenectady, cooper.....	Reuben Simonds, Schenectady N. Y., innkeeper.....	July 22, "
John Wood, Cambridge District, Albany Co., N. Y., physician.....	Matthew Watson, Albany, N. Y., merchant.....	July 22, "
Hugh Mitchell, Esquire, Schenectady, N. Y.....	Widow, Sophia, Schenectady, N. Y.....	July 22, "
Jonathan Douglass, Albany, N. Y., innkeeper.....	Son, Wheeler Douglass, Albany, N. Y., innkeeper, and son-in-law, Jonathan Tarbell, Richmond, Mass., farmer.....	July 22, "
Isaac Vosburgh, Kinderhook, N. Y., farmer.....	Son-in-law, Nicholas Van Valkenburgh, Rensselaerwyck, farmer.....	July 22, "
Joshua Reeve, Southold, L. I., yeoman.....	Widow, Mary, Southold, N. Y.	July 22, "
Richard Sharwin, New York, saddler.....	Widow, Ann, New York.....	July 27, "

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Patrick Cornela, private in Col. Hazon's Reg't.....	Son, John, and Alexander Gault, both yeomen of Washington Co.....	July 29, 1784
George Cline, New York, baker.....	Widow, Mary, New York....	July 30, "
Isaac Boerum, Flatbush, L. I., yeoman.....	Brother, William, and Chris- tian Duryee, yeoman, both of Brooklyn, N. Y.....	July 31, "
Petrus Amerman, Flat lands, L. I., yeoman.....	Widow, Willemtie, Flat lands.....	July 31, "
William Underhill, Phillips Manor, N. Y., yeoman....	Son, William, Phillips Manor, yeoman.....	Aug. 13, "
Samuel Disbrow, Phillips Manor, N. Y., carpenter....	Widow, Mary, now wife of Reuben Volentine, Phillips Manor, N. Y.....	Aug. 13, "
Frederick Devoe, Yonkers, N. Y., yeoman.....	Son, John, Westchester Co., N. Y., yeoman.....	Aug. 13, "
Peter Van Tassell, Phillips Manor, N. Y., yeoman....	Joseph Drake, Connecticut, yeoman.....	Aug. 13, "
George Herrington, Albany Co., N. Y., farmer.....	Widow, Mary, Albany Co....	Aug. 13, "
Jeremiah Soper, Huntington, L. I., yeoman.....	Widow, Mary, Huntington, L. I.....	Aug. 14, "
Nathan Platt, Smithtown, L. I., blacksmith.....	Widow, Mary.....	Aug. 14, "
William Miller, New York, cordwainer.....	Brother, Henry, New York, cordwainer.....	Aug. 17, "
Alexander Rogers, Hunting- ton, L. I., yeoman.....	Sister, Ruth, wife of Silas Sammis, Huntington.....	Aug. 17, "
Henry Ustick, New York, shopkeeper.....	Brother, William, Flushing, L. I., merchant.....	Aug. 20, "
Myndert Vosburgh, Kinder- hook, yeoman.....	Near of kin, Cornelius Vos- burgh, Abraham Vosburgh, Myndert Goes, Peter M. Van Buren, John D. Goes, yeoman, and Lucas Van Alen, Jr., merchant, all of Kinderhook, N. Y.....	Aug. 25, "
Jacob Snell, Palatine District, Montgomery Co.....	Son, John, Canejohary, Mont- gomery Co.....	Aug. 26, "
Andreas Nelles, Canejohary, yeoman.....	John I. Walrath, Montgomery Co., yeoman.....	Aug. 26, "

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George Salsman, Stone-Arabia, Montgomery Co., farmer.....	Son, John, Stone-Arabia, farmer.....	Aug. 26, 1784
Nicholas Sitz, Canejohary, carpenter.....	Jacob Snyder, Canejohary, carpenter.....	Aug. 26, "
Jacobus Cromwell, Mohock District, Montgomery Co., yeoman.....	Widow, Rachel, Mohock District.....	Aug. 26, "
Marcus Rickert, Canejohary..	Widow, Elizabeth, Canejohary.....	Aug. 26, "
Gerlach Mayer, Palatine District.....	Widow, Elizabeth, now wife of George Nistell.....	Aug. 27, "
Peter Kessler, Canejohary, blacksmith.....	Widow, Margaret, Canejohary.....	Aug. 27, "
Abner Gillet, Amenia Precinct, yeoman.....	Robert Hebard, Amenia Precinct, yeoman.....	Aug. 27, "
Thomas Gustin, Goshen Precinct.....	Widow, Ruth, and son, John.	Aug. 27, "
Juliana Smith, Cornwall Precinct.....	Timothy Smith, Cornwall Precinct.....	Aug. 27, "
Ephraim Mash, private in Col. Goose Van Schaick's Reg't.....	Step-father, Benjamin Clough, private in same reg't.....	Aug. 28, "
Samuel Weaver, gentleman, New York.....	Mother, Jane, widow, New York.....	Aug. 31, "
Joseph Cooper, Haverstraw Precinct, Dragoon in Major Lee's Corps of Light Horse.	Kinsman, Gilbert Cooper, Haverstraw Precinct.....	Sept. 2, "
Nathaniel Pike, gentleman, Elizabeth Town, N. J.	Nathaniel Farrand, Newark, N. J., collector.....	Sept. 2, "
Benjamin Latting, Queens Co., yeoman.....	Son, Benjamin, Queens Co., yeoman.....	Sept. 3, "
Benjamin Dusenbury, Charlotte Precinct, farmer.....	Joshua Hallock, Charlotte Precinct, farmer.....	Sept. 10, "
Tjerck DeWitt, Rochester, Ulster Co., N. Y., mason ..	Widow, Elsie.....	Sept. 10, "
George Murray, New York, schoolmaster.....	William Wickham, New York attorney-at-law.....	Sept. 11, "
Thomas Mason, private in Col. Cortlandt's Reg't.....	David Rye, Haverstraw Precinct, attorney of Mary Mason, the widow.....	Sept. 15, "

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Ezra Darling, private in the old 5th New York Reg't...	Major James Rosekrans, New York.....	Sept. 16, 1784
Daniel Wright, Smithtown, L. I.....	Brother, Micajah, Westchester Co., yeoman.....	Sept. 23, "
Lawrence Goes, Kinderhook District, merchant.....	Widow, Mary, Kinderhook District.....	Sept. 24, "
Margaret Johnson, New York, widow.....	Capt. Thomas Bibby, New York, who married a granddaughter of Margaret Johnson.....	Sept. 6, "
James Van Varck, New York, cordwainer.....	Widow, Rachel, New York ..	Oct. 5, "
Gershom Trusdel, Kinderhook, blacksmith.....	Father, William, Kinderhook, blacksmith.....	Oct. 5, "
Seth Marvin, Brookhaven, yeoman.....	Son, Seth, Brookhaven, carpenter.....	Oct. 6, "
Peter Warren, Phillips Precinct, farmer.....	Widow, Thamer.....	Oct. 7, "
Isaac Hendrickson, Jr., South Hempstead, L. I., yeoman.	Widow, Anne, South Hempstead.....	Oct. 9, "
William Ascough, White Plains, currier.....	Widow, Maryann, now wife of Daniel Merritt, Jr., White Plains, N. Y.....	Oct. 9, "
Ram Monfoort, Westchester Co., farmer.....	Brother, Peter, Rumbout Precinct, farmer.....	Oct. 9, "
John Fannel, Saugerties, carpenter.....	Widow, Elizabeth, now the wife of Samuel Wolvin, Saugerties, farmer.....	Oct. 12, "
Penn Cock, Oyster Bay, L. I., farmer.....	Son-in-law, Joseph Crane, Jr., South East Precinct, physician.....	Oct. 12, "
Aaron Smith, Washington Co., yeoman.....	Widow, Jerusha, and brother, Ebenezer, yeoman, both of Washington Co.....	Oct. 13, "
James Savage, New Perth, Washington Co., yeoman ..	Widow, Margaret, New Perth	Oct. 13, "
Margaret Campbell, spinster, Washington Co.....	Father, Duncan Campbell, Washington Co., farmer...	Oct. 13, "
Collin Ferguson, Albany, N. Y., merchant.....	Widow, Mary, Albany, N. Y.	Oct. 13, "
Joseph Carpenter, Newburgh Precinct, miller.....	Isaac Hasbrouck, Newburgh Precinct, yeoman.....	Oct. 14, "

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Francois Marschalk, New York, inspector of flower...	Leonard Kip, merchant, and Elisabeth, his wife, a daughter, and John Byvanck, merchant, and Mary his wife, a daughter-in-law of Francois Marschalk....	Oct. 16, 1784
Aaron Hoffman, private in the 1st New York Regiment...	William Schultzs, of New Windsor, tavern keeper...	Oct. 18, "
John Williams, New York, merchant.....	Brother, Henry Abraham Williams, New York, merchant.....	Oct. 23, "
Morris Kelly, private in 4th New York Regiment.....	Leonard Bleecker, New York, broker.....	Oct. 25, "
Jonas Brown, Serjeant in Col. Van Cortlandt's Reg't.	Brother, James, Goshen Precinct, yeoman.....	Oct. 25, "
William Thorne, New York, merchant.....	Widow, Esther, and Thomas Bowne, merchant, New York.....	Oct. 27, "
Tobias Stoutenburgh, New York, baker.....	William Elsworth, Jr., New York, gentleman, and Henerica his wife, sister of Tobias Stoutenburgh.....	Oct. 27, "
James Morris, Islip, L. I.	Brother, William, Brookhaven, L. I.	Oct. 30, "
Capt. John Gardner, Haverstraw Precinct.....	Son, James, Haverstraw Precinct, yeoman.....	Nov. 1, "
John Reese, New York, yeoman	Daughter, Catharine Kelly, New York, spinster.....	Nov. 1, "
Mathias Warner, Coxhacky District, weaver.....	Stephen Haight, Coxhacky District, merchant.....	Nov. 3, "
Martines Van Wart, Phillips Manor, N. Y., yeoman....	Widow, Rachel, Phillips Manor, N. Y.	Nov. 3, "
Constant Havens, Southold, cordwainer.....	Samuel Tillitson and Orange Webb, Suffolk Co., yeomen.	Oct. 10, "
William Wells, Southold, yeoman.....	Nephews, James Wells and Joshua Benjamin, both of Suffolk Co., yeomen.....	Nov. 10, "
Nathan Hains, Southold, cordwainer.....	Son-in-law, Jonas Wicks, Suffolk Co., yeoman.....	Nov. 10, "
John Bish, New York, grocer.	Widow, Eunice, New York...	Nov. 12, "
Abraham DeForest, Serjeant in the 4th New York Regiment.....	William Scudder, Essex Co., N. J., merchant.....	Nov. 18, "

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Moses or William Beadle, private in the 1st New York Regiment.....	William Scudder, Essex Co., N. J., merchant.....	Nov. 18, 1784
Jeremiah Frazier, private in the 1st New York Regiment	William Scudder, Essex Co., N. J., merchant.....	Nov. 18, “
Martin Cooper, Livingston Manor.....	Son, Martin, Livingston Manor, farmer.....	Nov. 18, “
Jan Fyse Goes, Kinderhook District, farmer.....	Nephew, John Pruyn, Kinderhook District, blacksmith.....	Nov. 18, “
Jehiel Bouton, Rumbout Precinct, farmer.....	Widow, Ann, and son, Jehiel, farmer, both of Rumbout Precinct.....	Nov. 18, “
Chauncey Graham, Rumbout Precinct, clerk.....	Widow, Mary, Rumbout Precinct.....	Nov. 19, “
Adam Dobbs, New York, cartman.....	Widow, Abigail, now wife of William Thurston, Jamaica L. I., blacksmith.....	Nov. 25, “
Underhill Bud Drake, Westchester, N. Y., cordwainer.	Widow, Phebe, Westchester, N. Y.....	Nov. 30, “
Hezekiah Jewell, Westchester, N. Y., carpenter.....	Widow, Mercy, Westchester, N. Y.....	Dec. 2, “
John Pindar, New York, mariner.....	Widow, Cassandra, New York	Dec. 3, “
Archibald Reid, New York, oysterman.....	David Caswell, New York, innkeeper.....	Dec. 6, “
Matthew Sweny, Cornwall Precinct.....	Ebenezer Woodhull, Cornwall Precinct.....	Dec. 7, “
William Mortimer, New York, cartman.....	Widow, Sarah, New York....	Dec. 8, “
John Ray, New York, merchant.....	Nephew, Cornelius Ray, New York, merchant.....	Dec. 13, “
Richard Ray, New York, merchant.....	Cousin, Cornelius Ray, New York, merchant.....	Dec. 13, “
Samuel Ray, New York, merchant.....	Cousin, Cornelius Ray, New York, merchant.....	Dec. 13, “
William Hains, Matross in Col. Lamb's Reg't.....	Benjamin Crosby, Newburgh Precinct, ship-carpenter...	Dec. 9, “

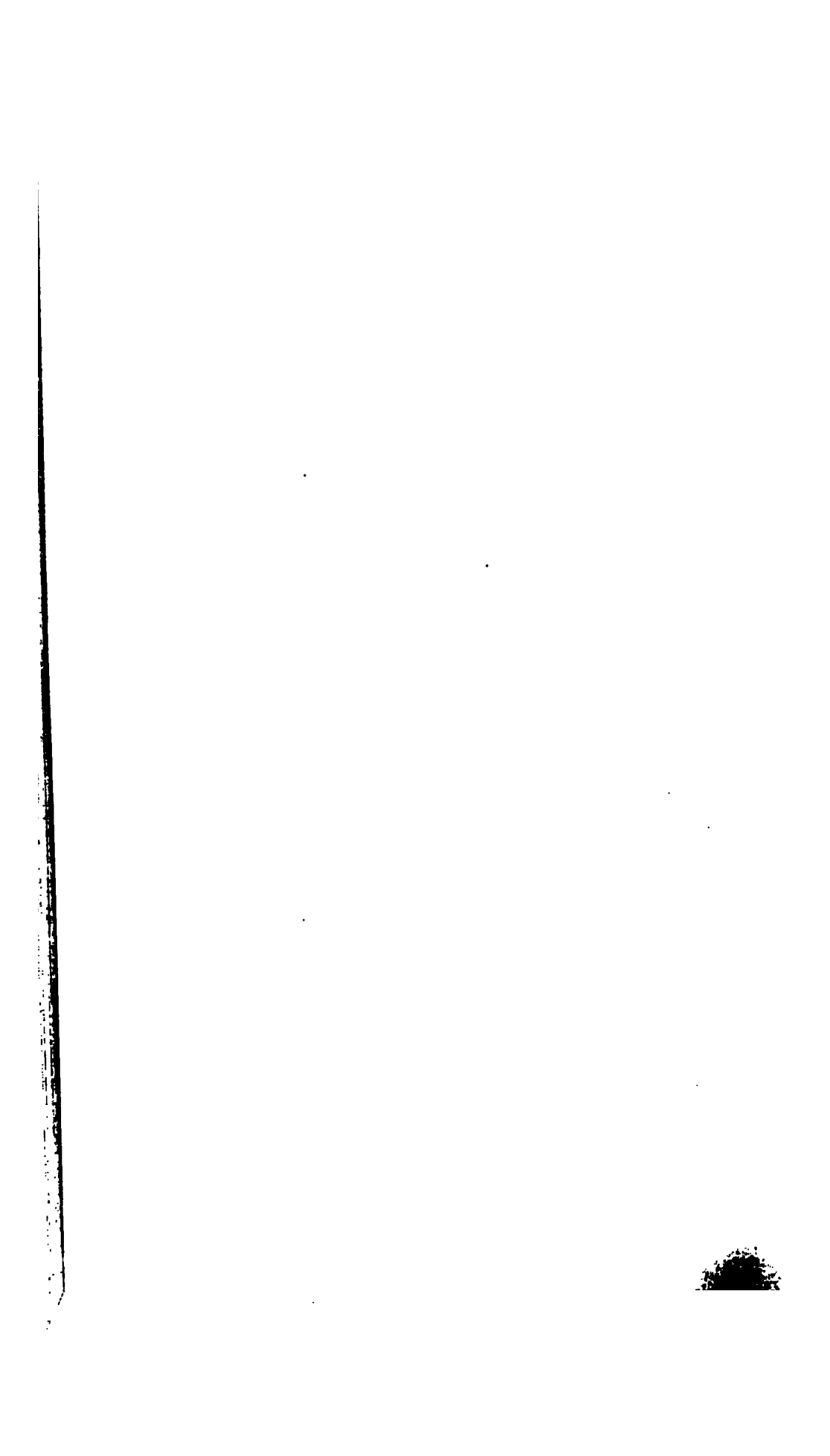
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John Van Wart, Phillips manor, N. Y., yeoman (son of Jacob, of the same place, yeoman).....	Catharine Marling, late the widow, and Jacob Van Wart, Jr., yeoman, brother of John Van Wart.....	Dec. 9, 1784
Peter De Visme, New York, merchant.....	Mother, Anne De Visme, New York, widow.....	Dec. 13, “
Marcy Montonye, South Hempstead, spinster.....	Brother, John Hendrickson, Queens Co., yeoman.....	Dec. 13, “
Nicholas William Stuyvesant, New York, yeoman.....	Brother, Petrus, New York, Esquire.....	Dec. 13, “
Nathaniel Jessup, Southampton, blacksmith.....	Stephen Howell, Southampton, yeoman.....	Dec. 31, “

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